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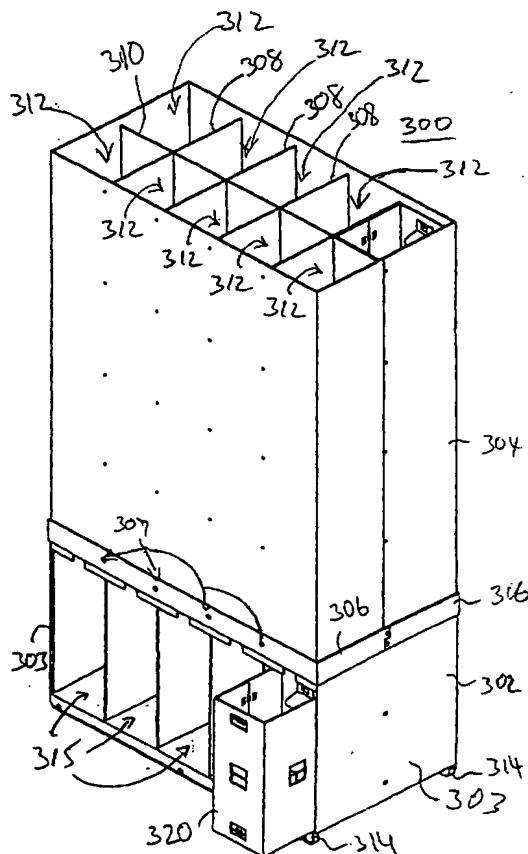
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(54) Title: ARTICLE STORAGE MAGAZINE FOR AN ARTICLE HANDLING DEVICE



(57) Abstract: An article handling apparatus having an article storage area (215) includes a movable storage structure (219). The movable storage structure (219) has a bin segment guidance structure to form a plurality of axially aligned article storage columns (216). The guidance structure includes a receiving device providing individual coupling to article storage bin segments (1202) so as to allow grouping of bin segments into the plurality of aligned article storage columns.

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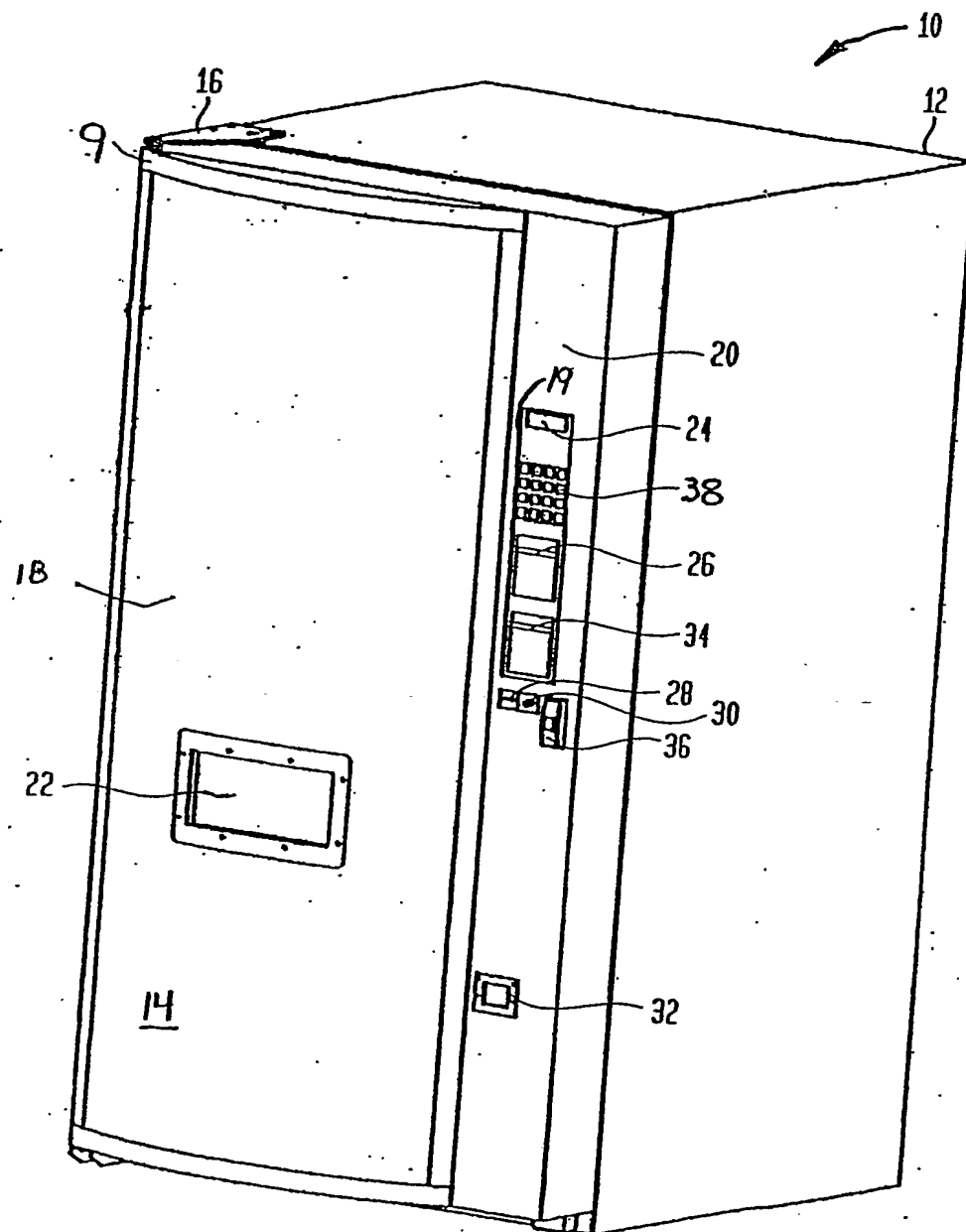




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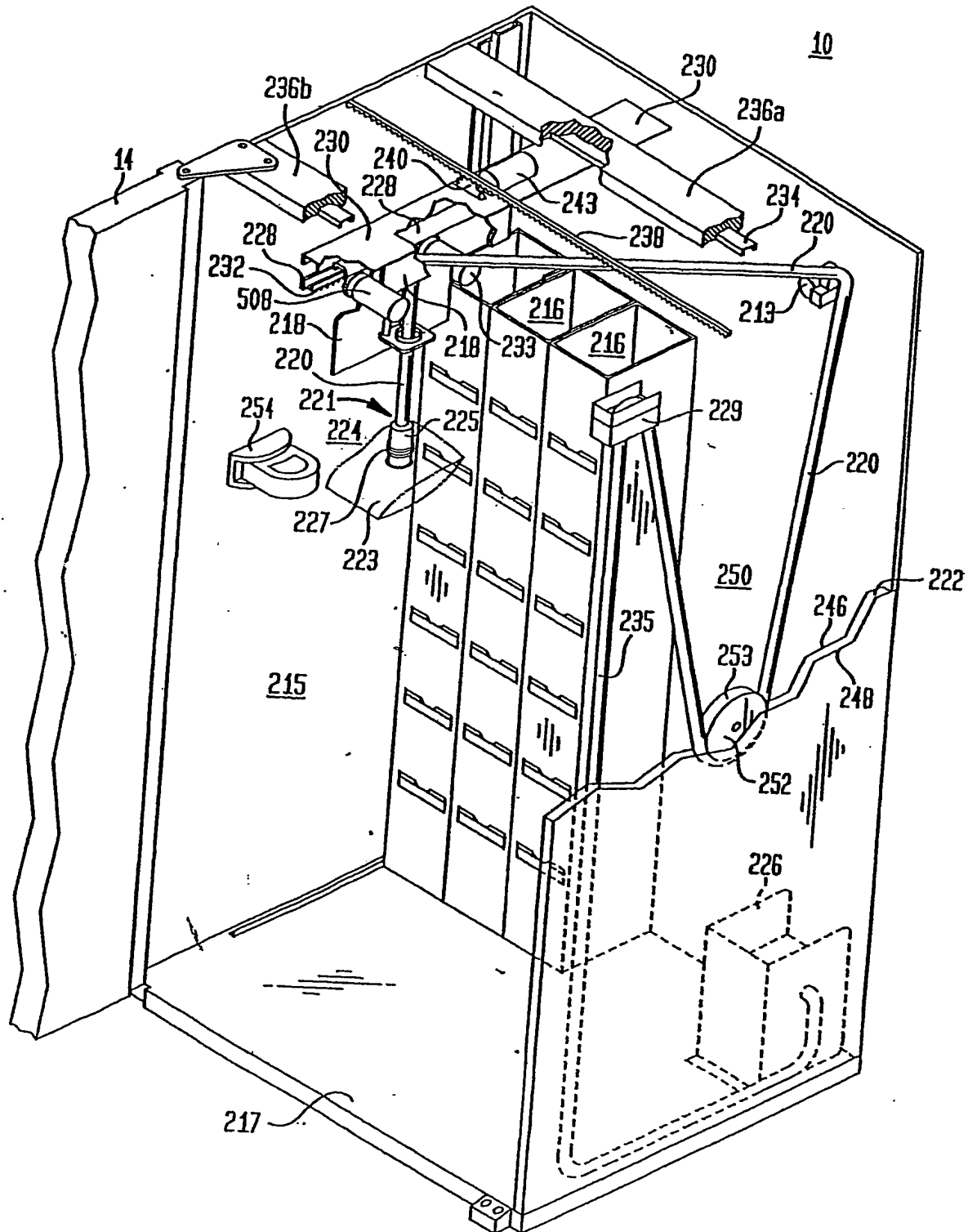


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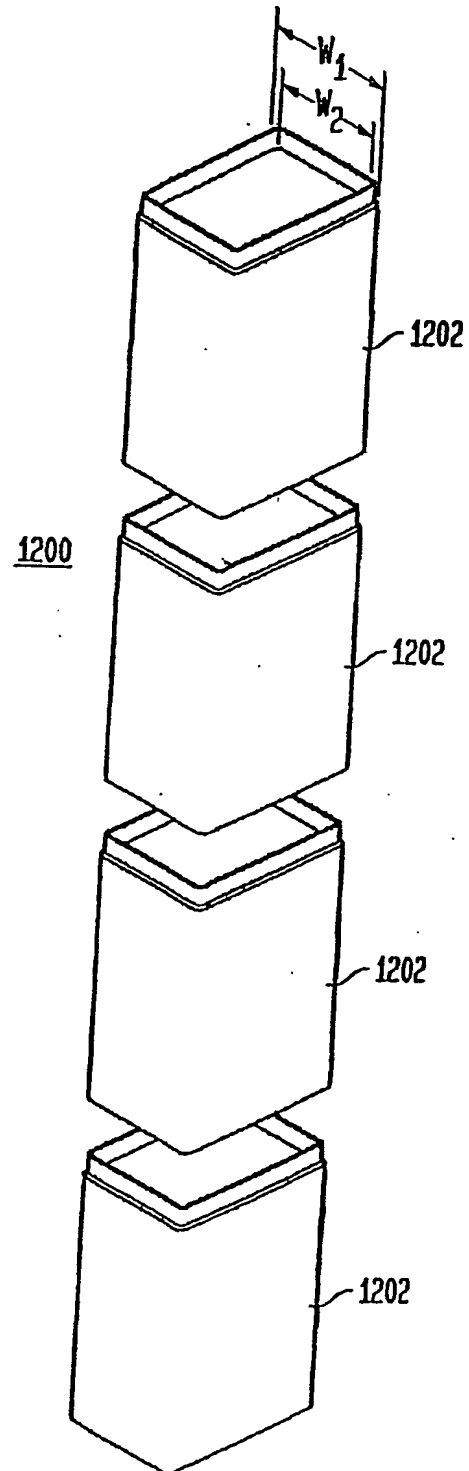


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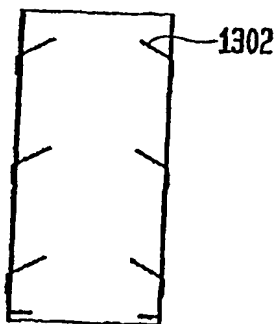
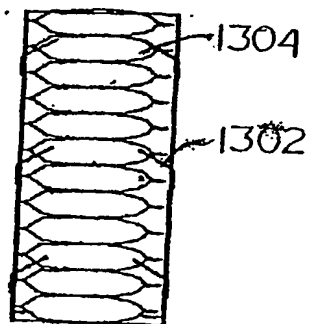


FIG. 4C



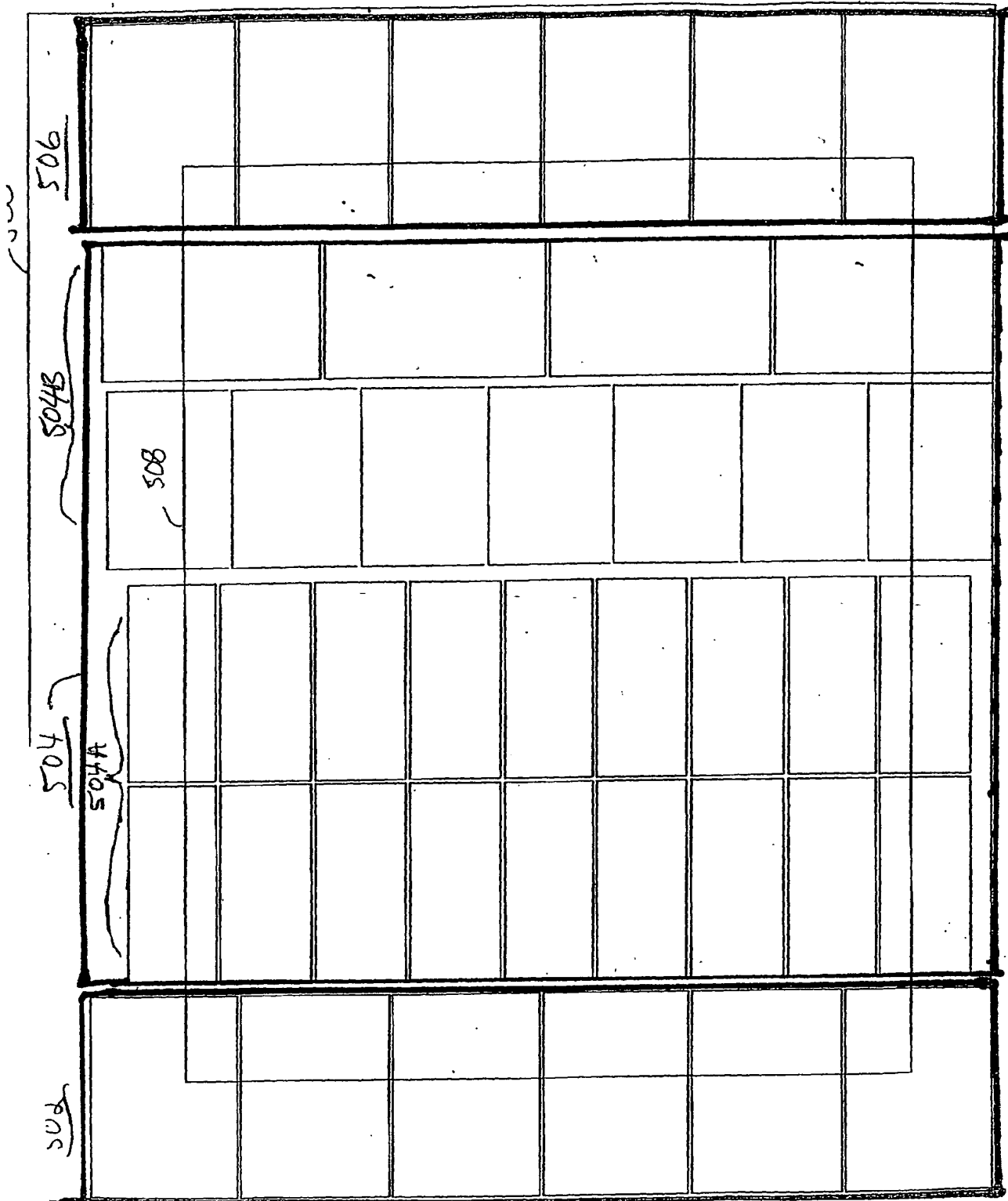


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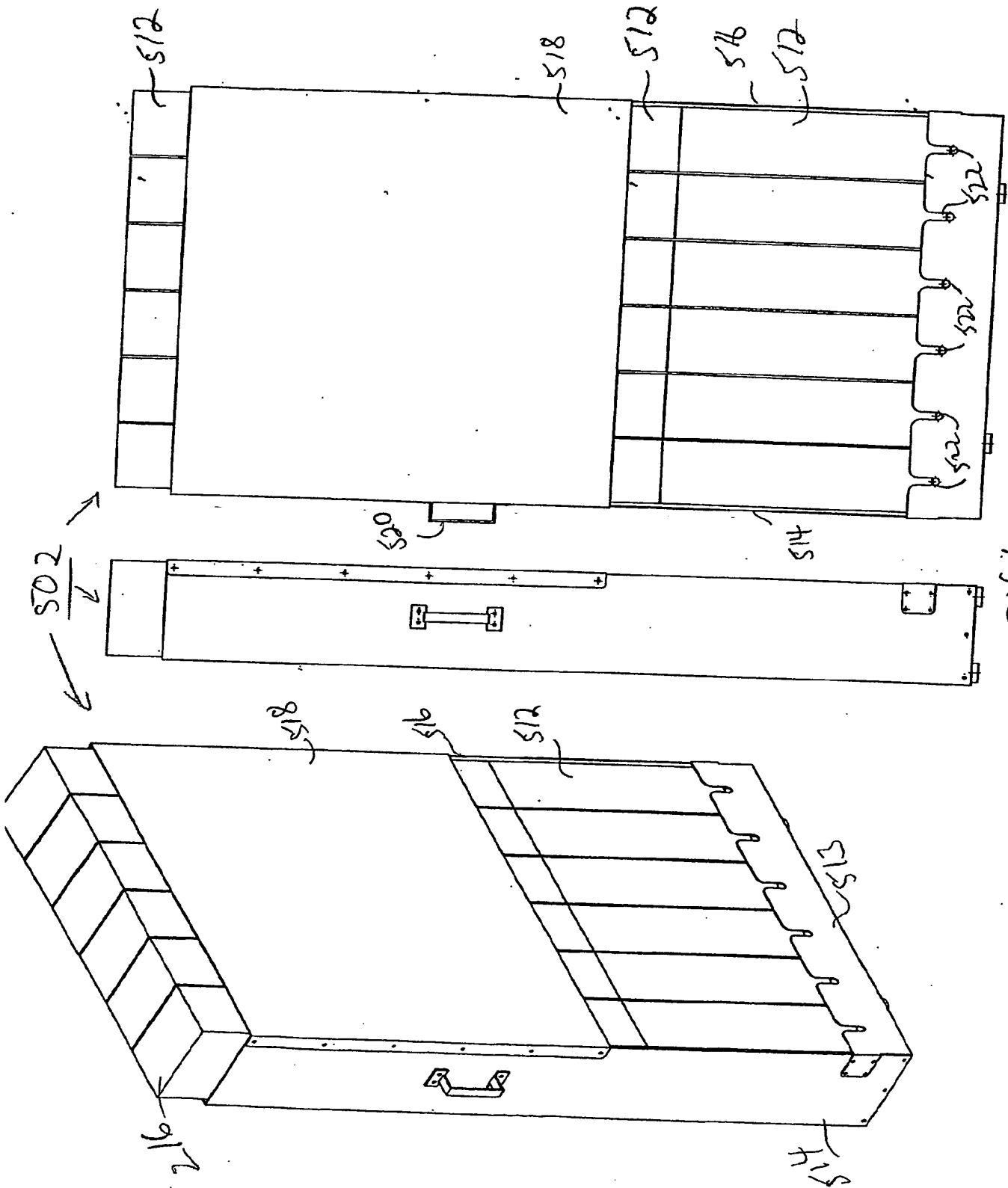


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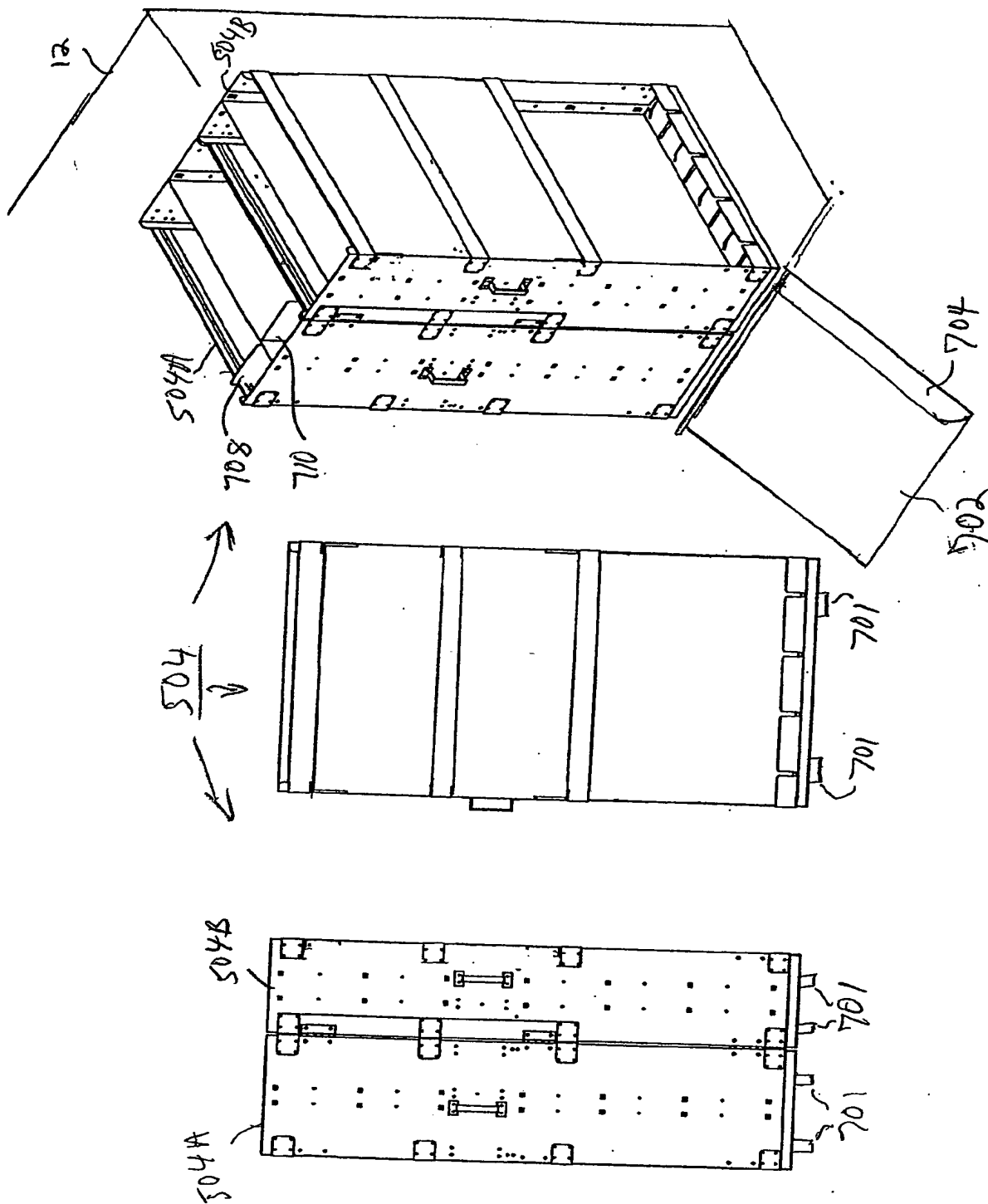


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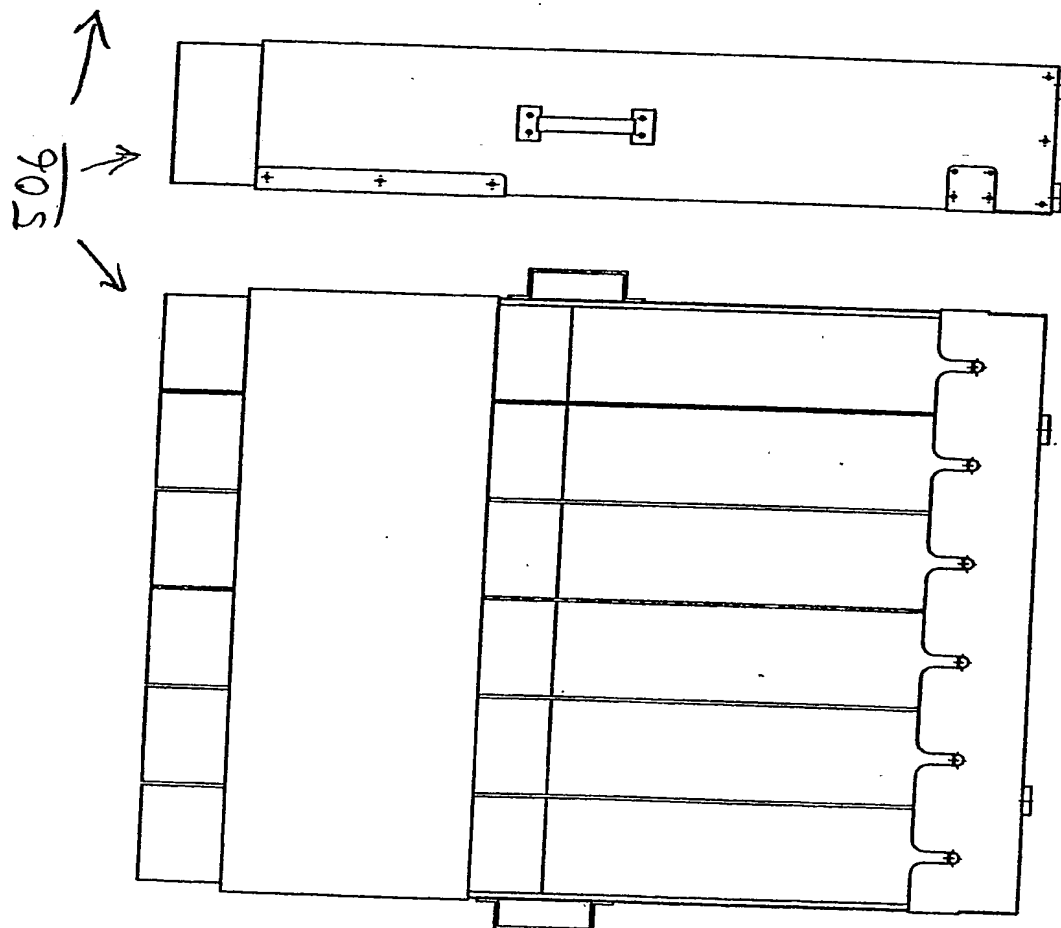
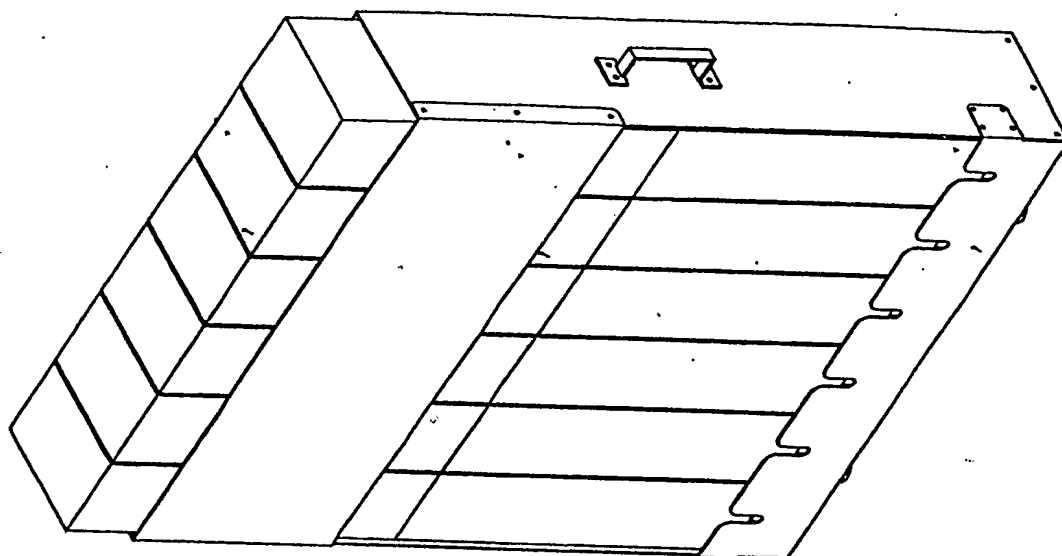


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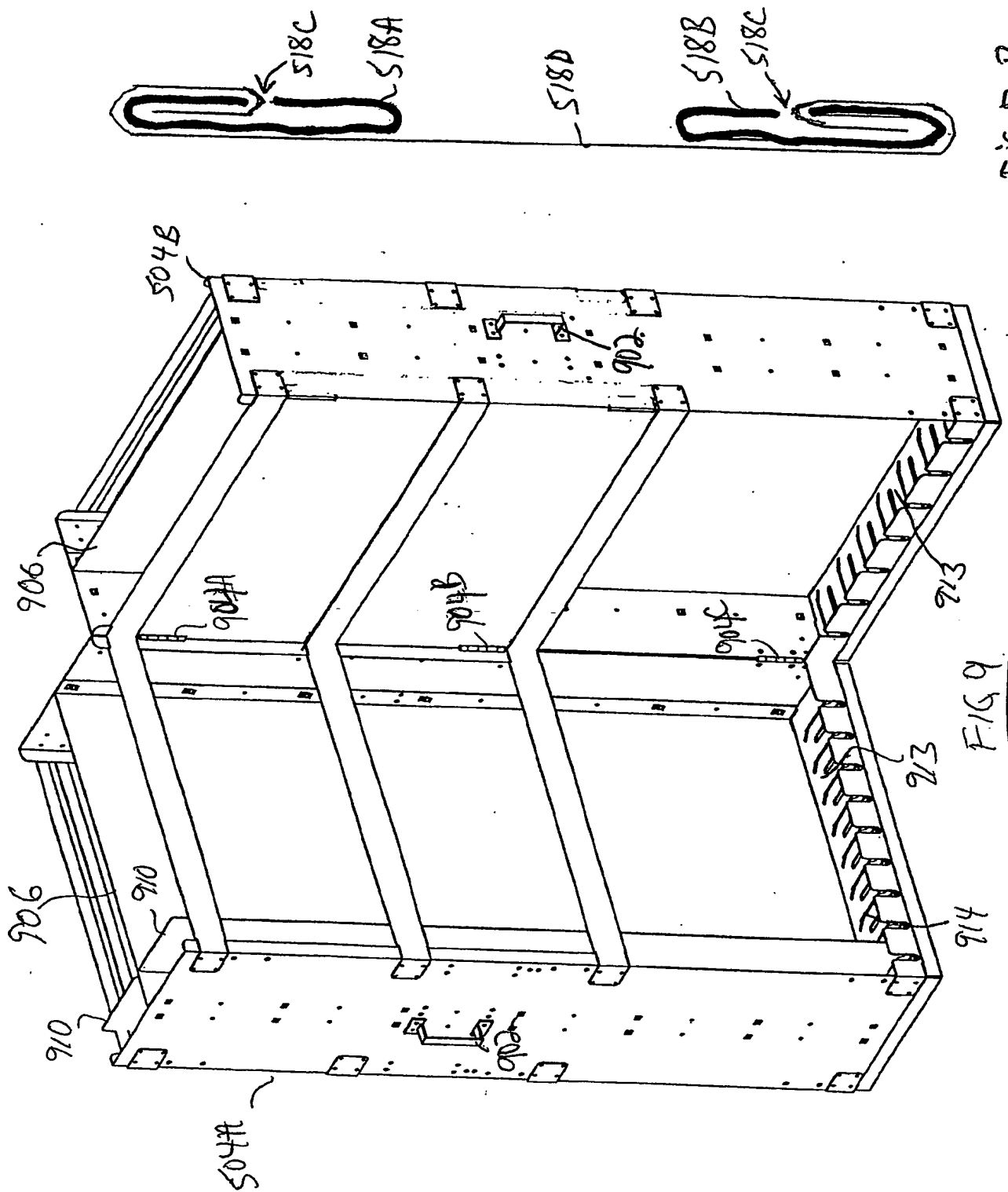


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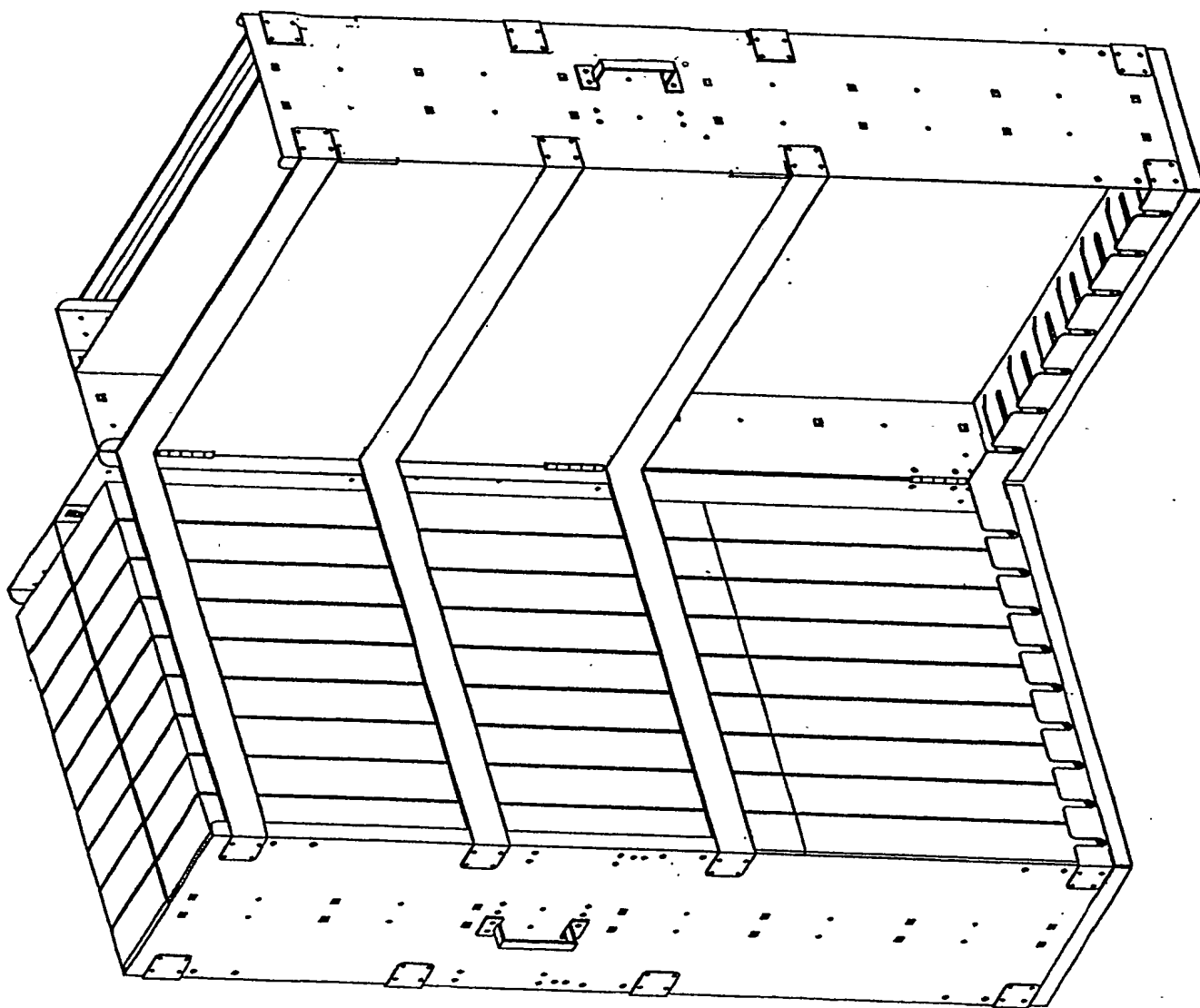


FIG. 10



FIG 11

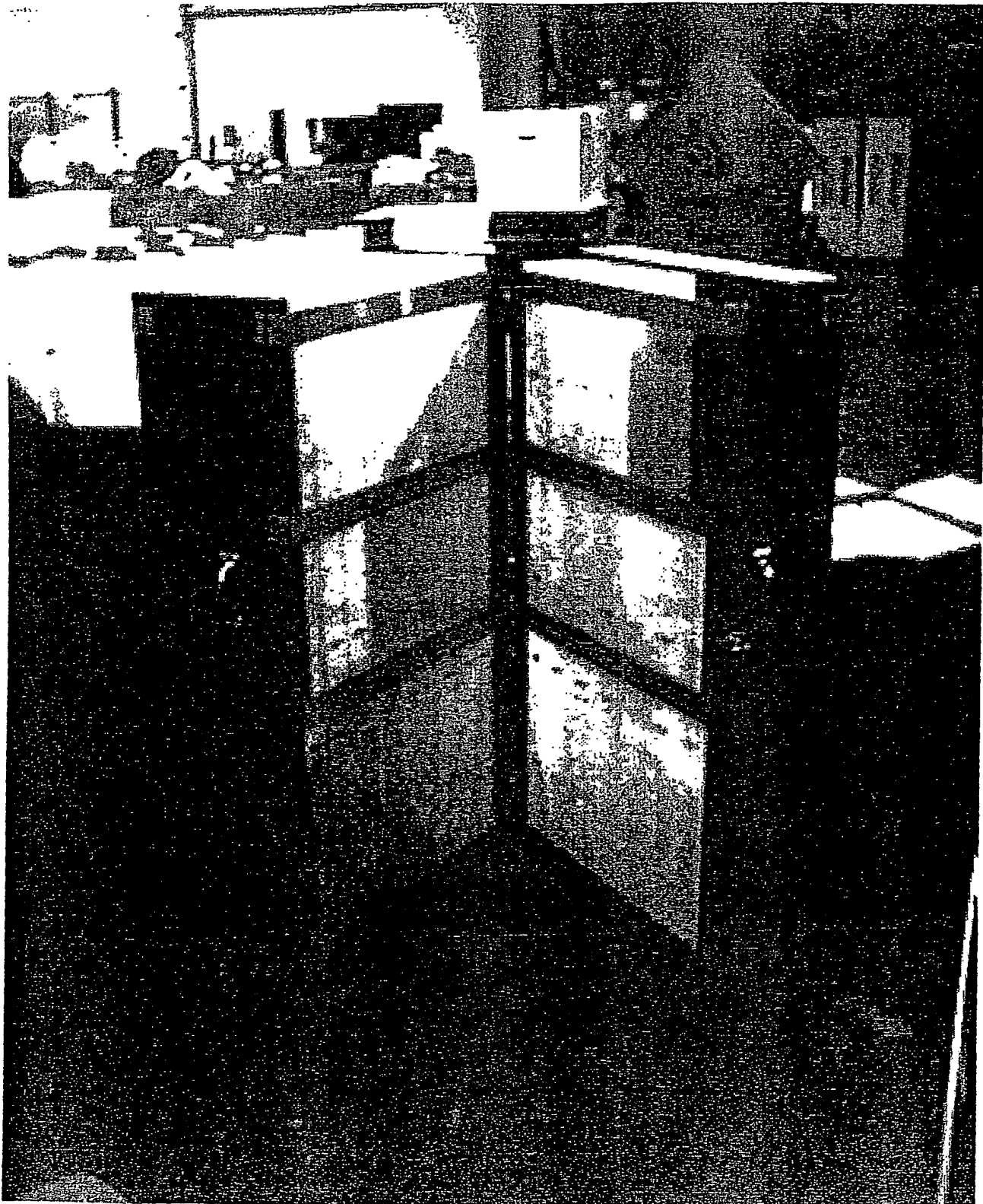


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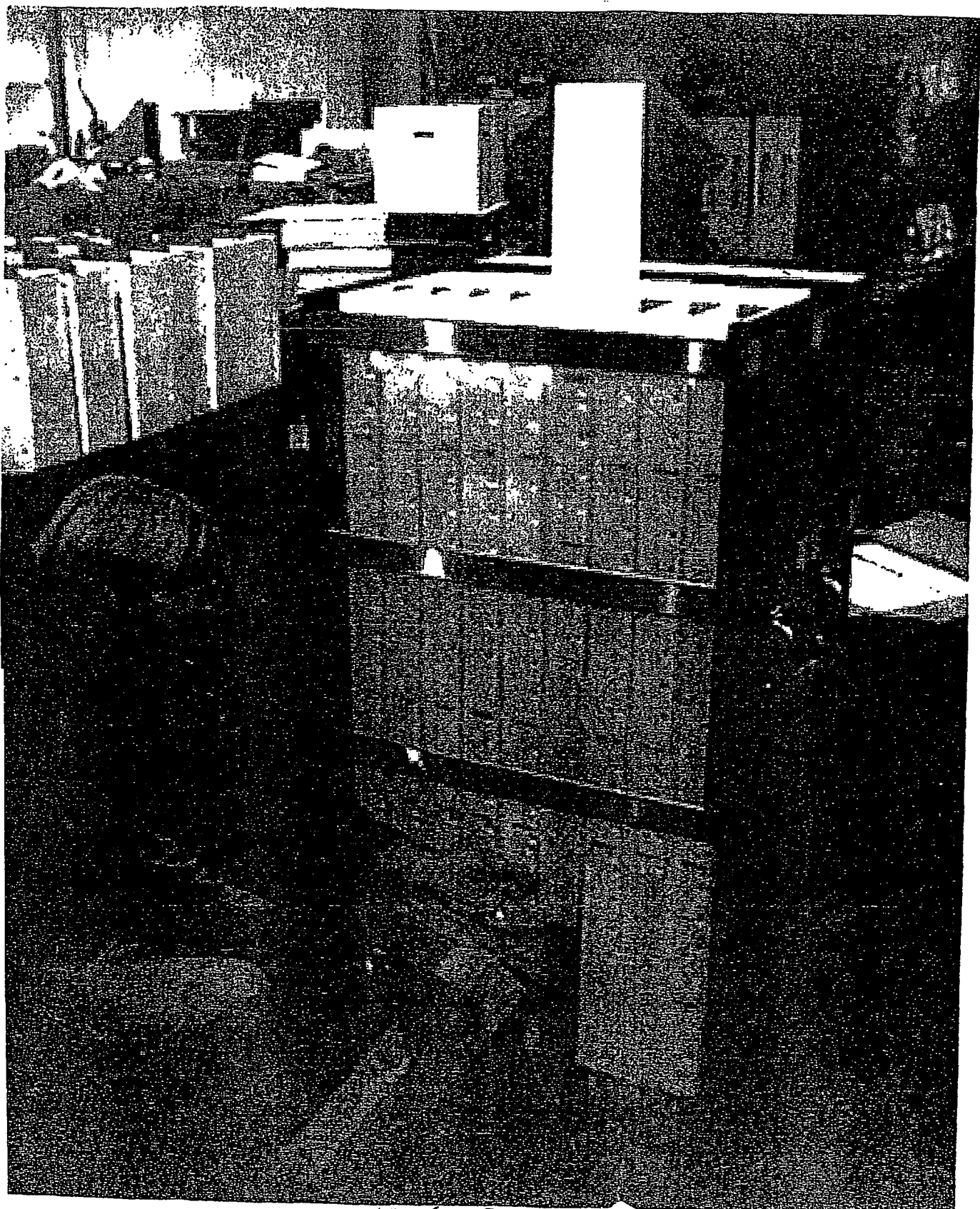


FIG 13



FIG 14



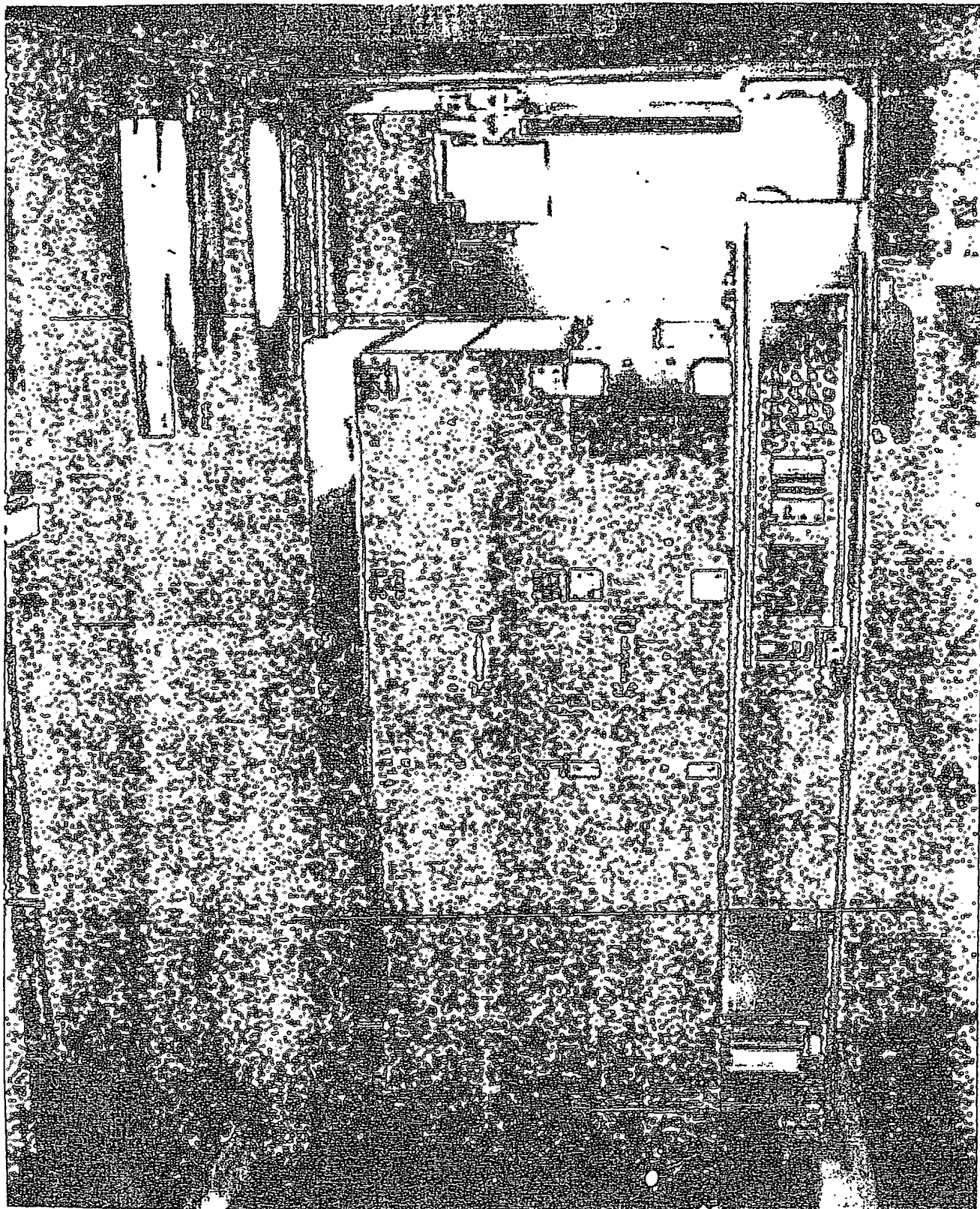


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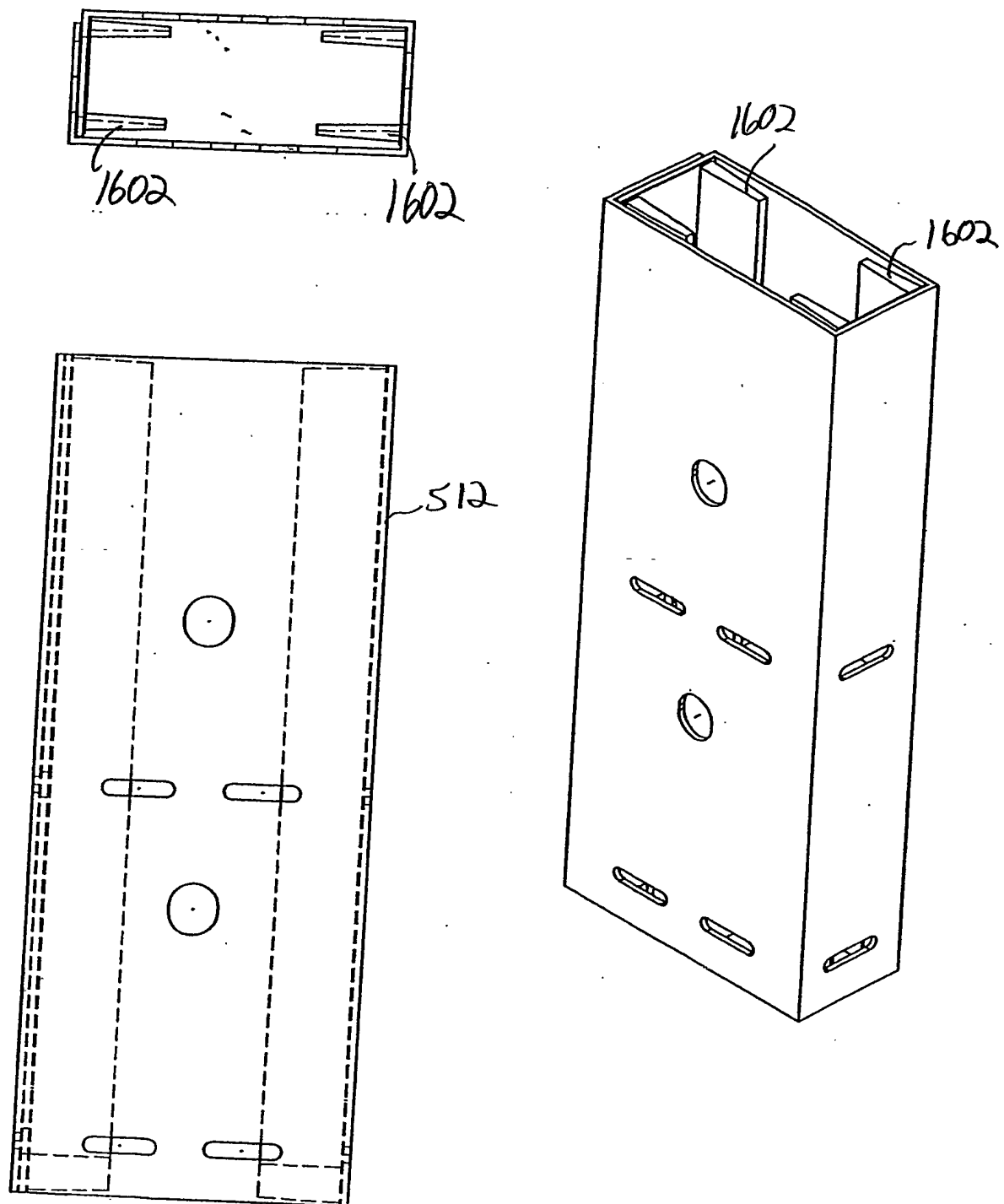


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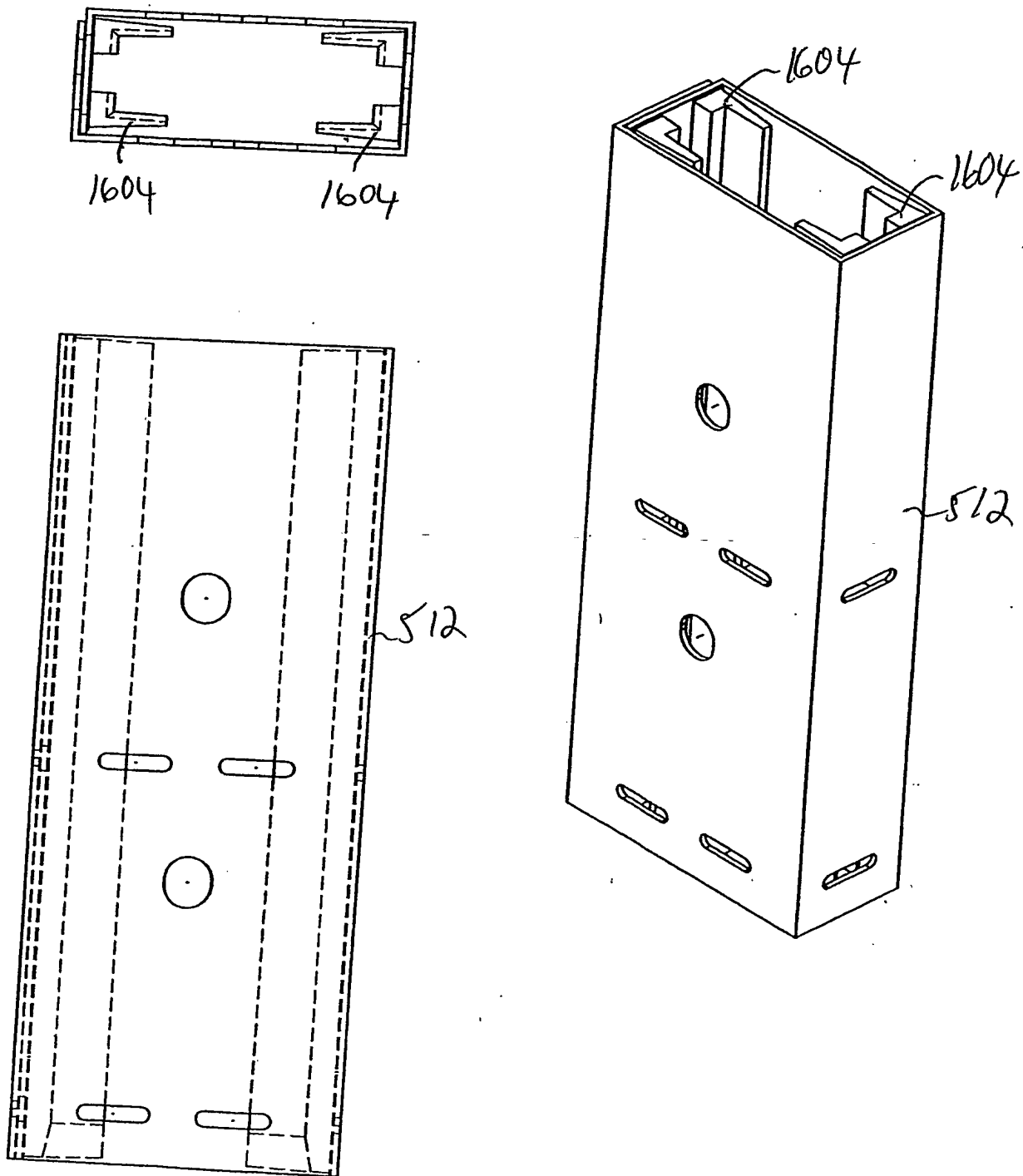
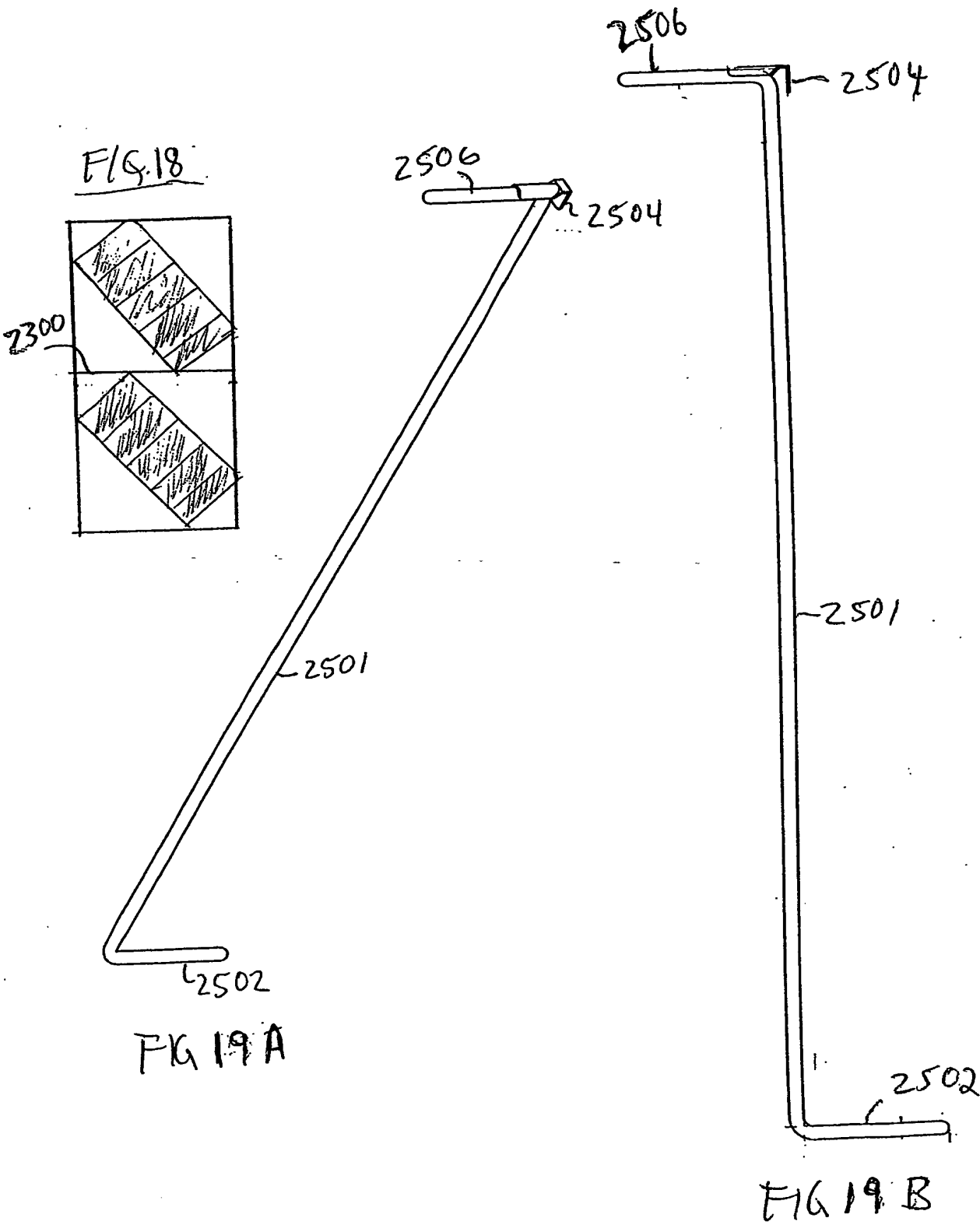


FIG 17



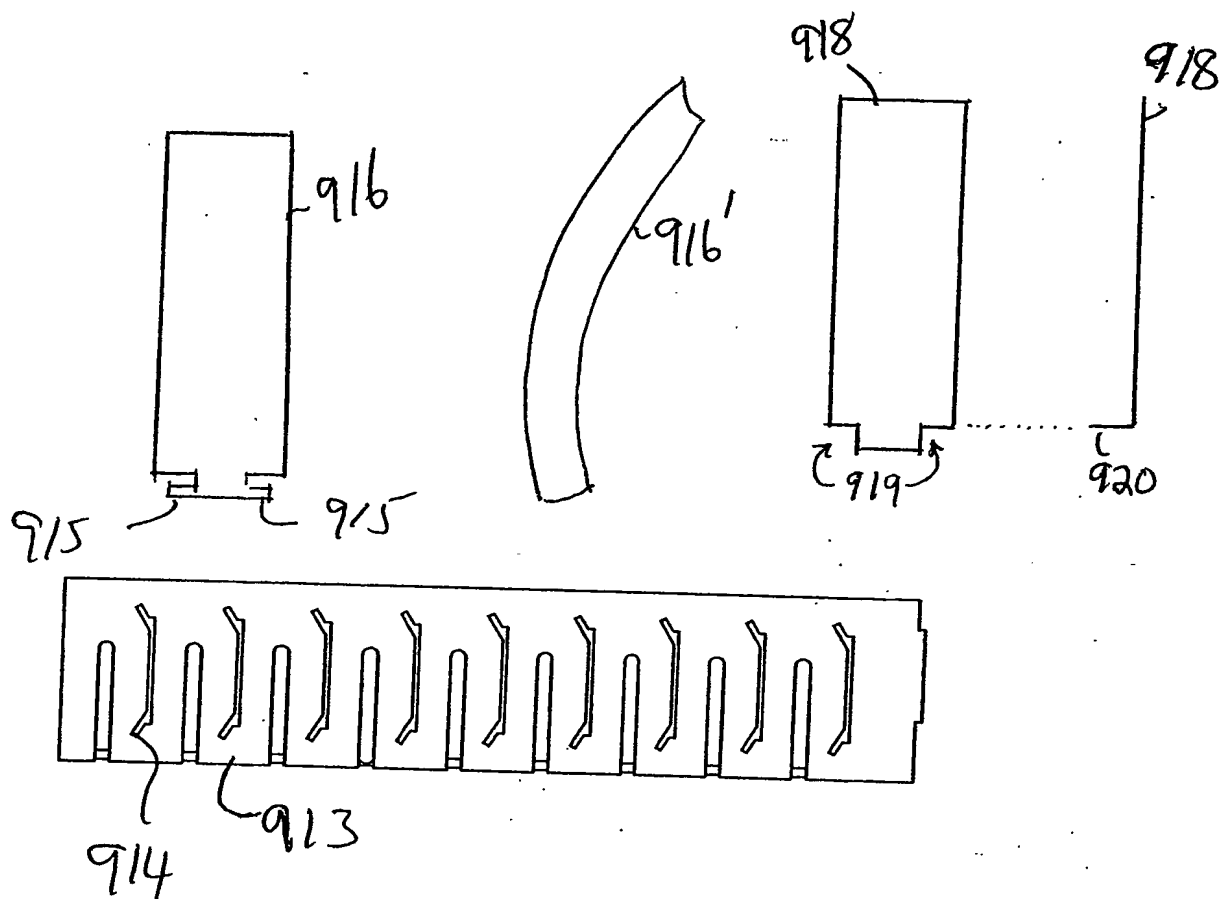


FIG. 20A

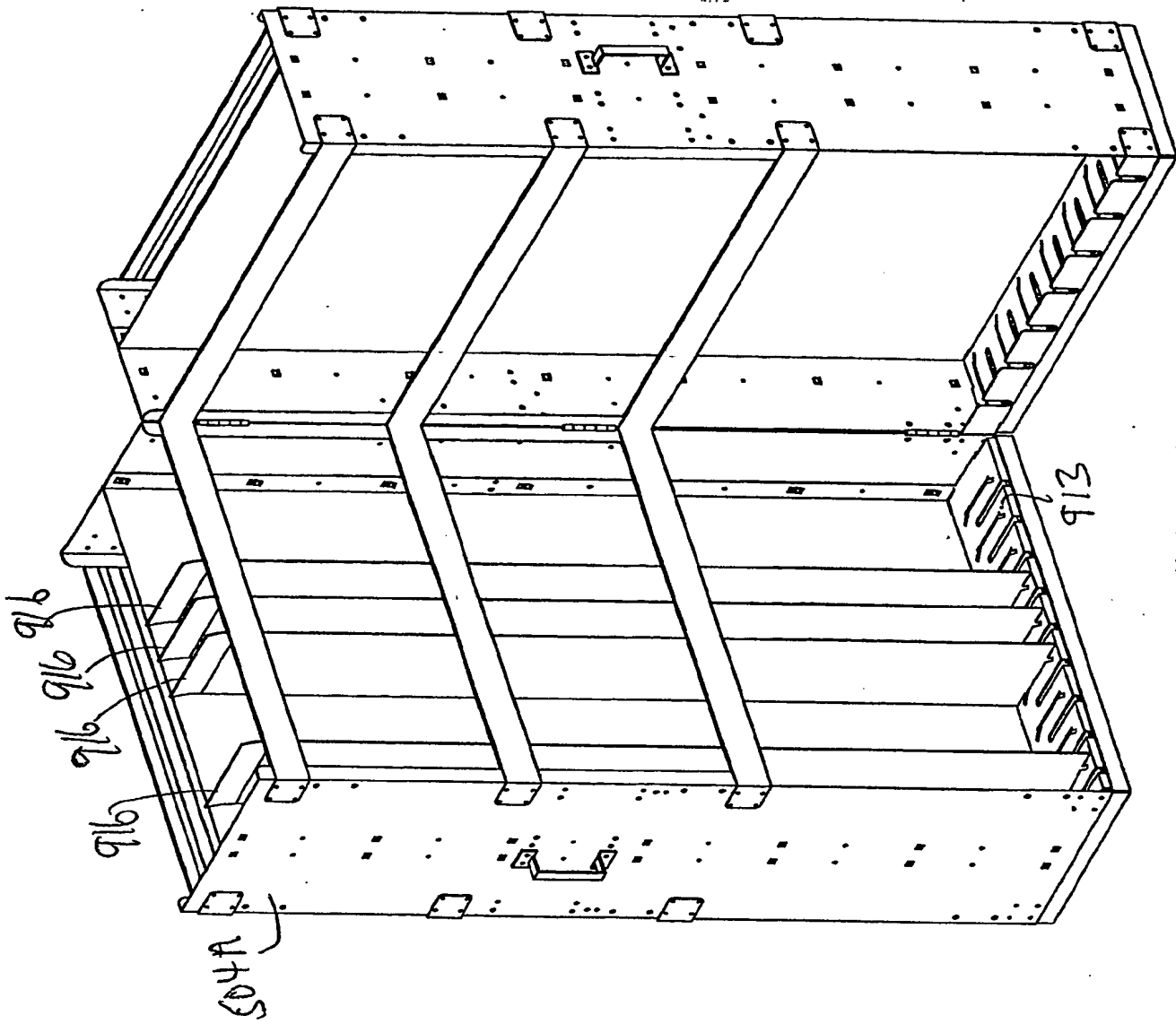


FIG 20B

FIG. 2/a

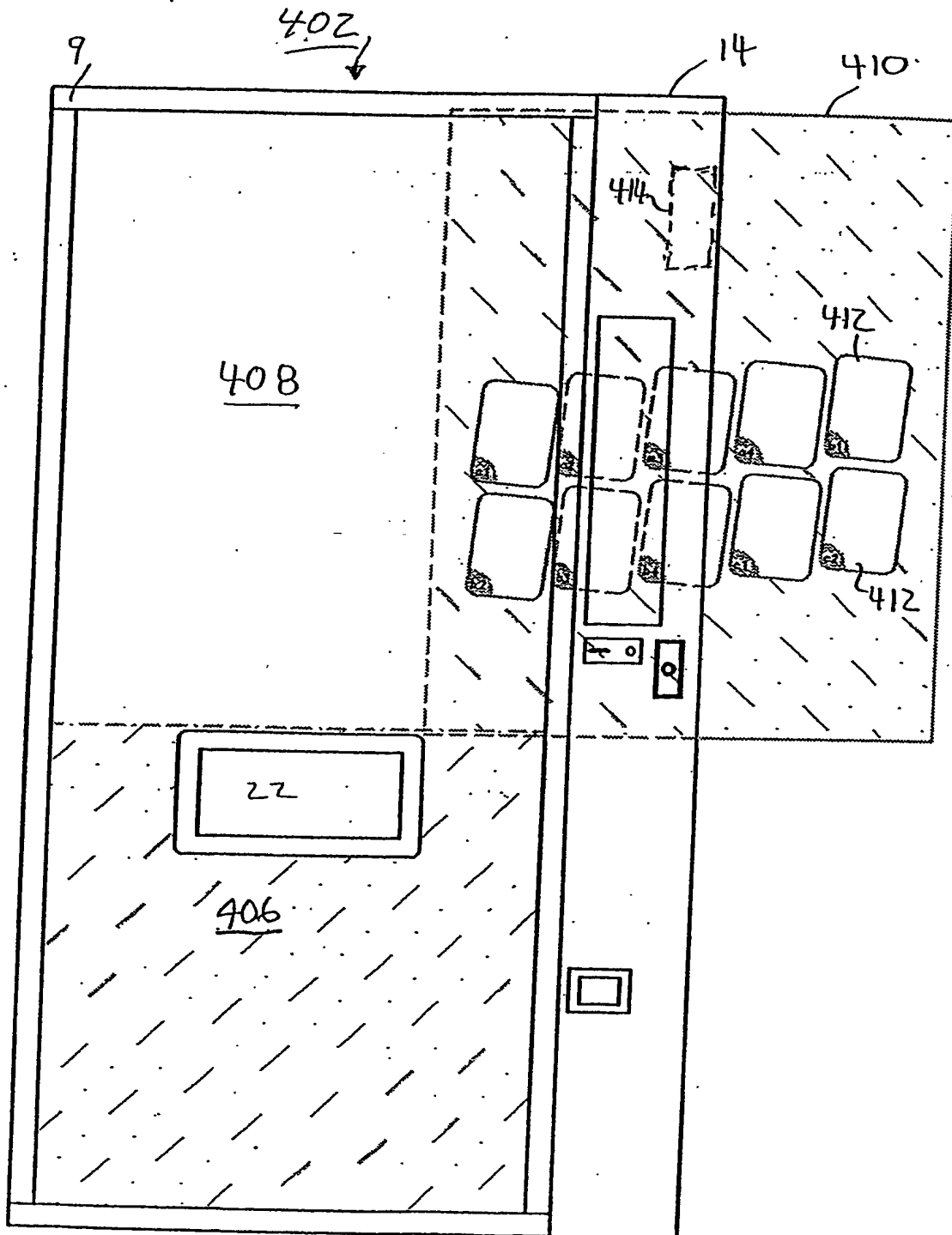
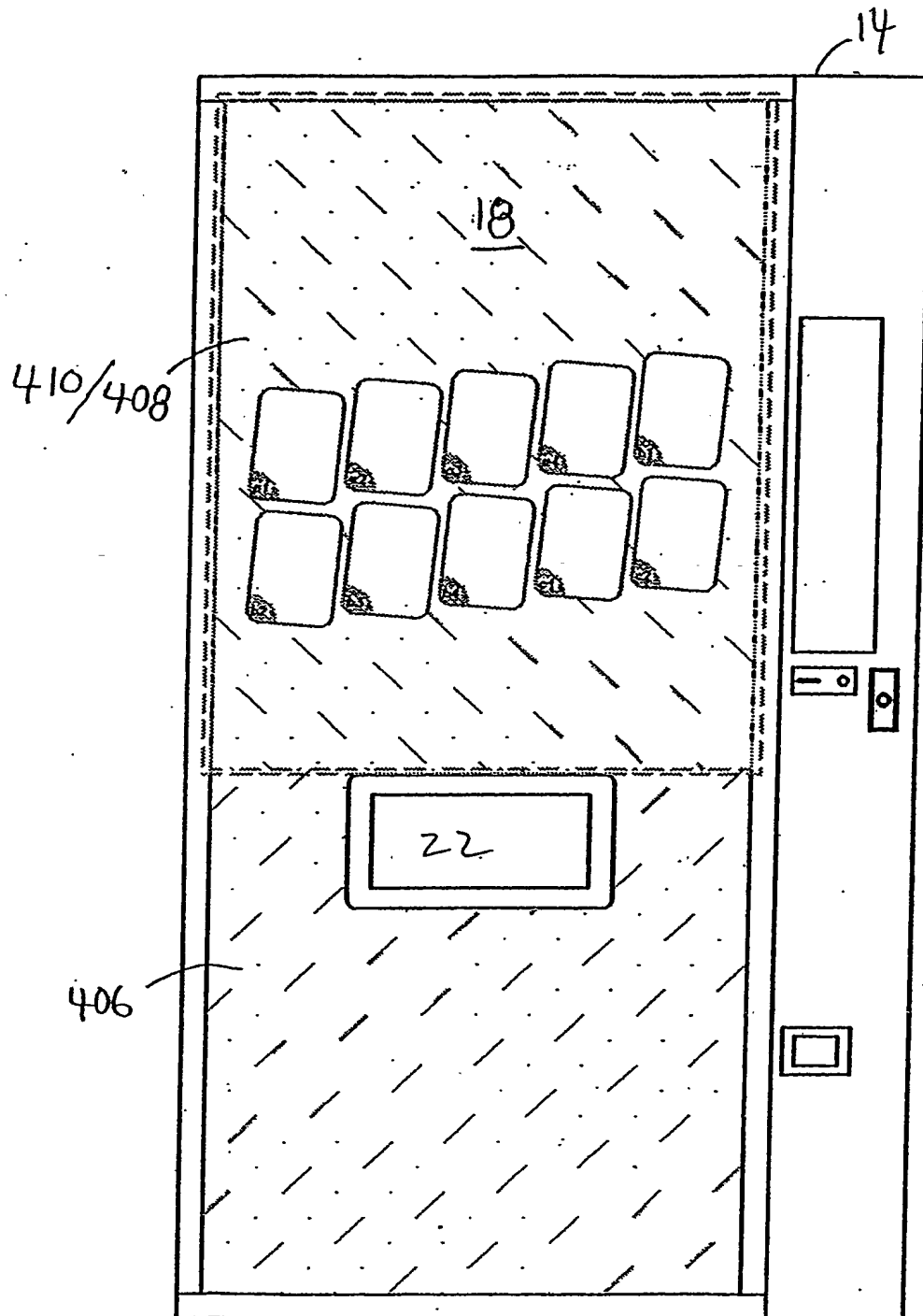
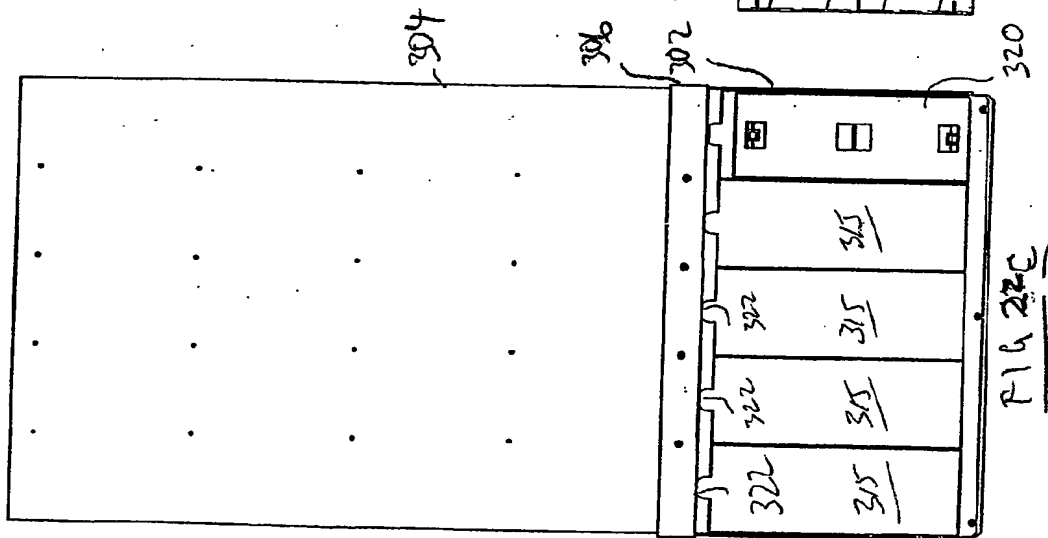
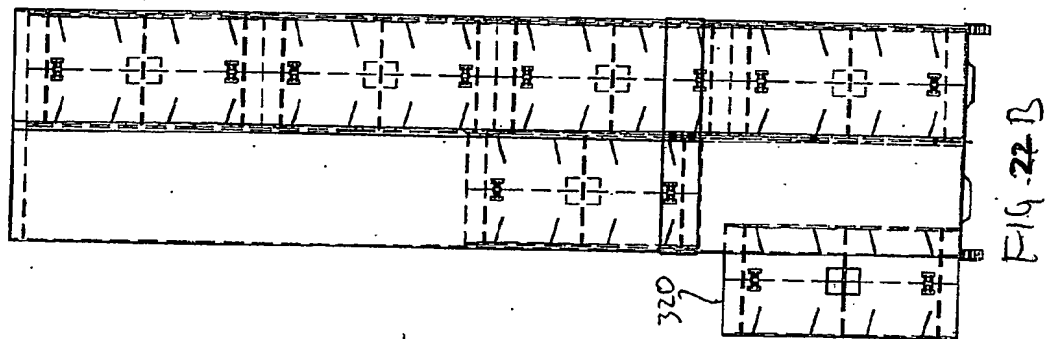
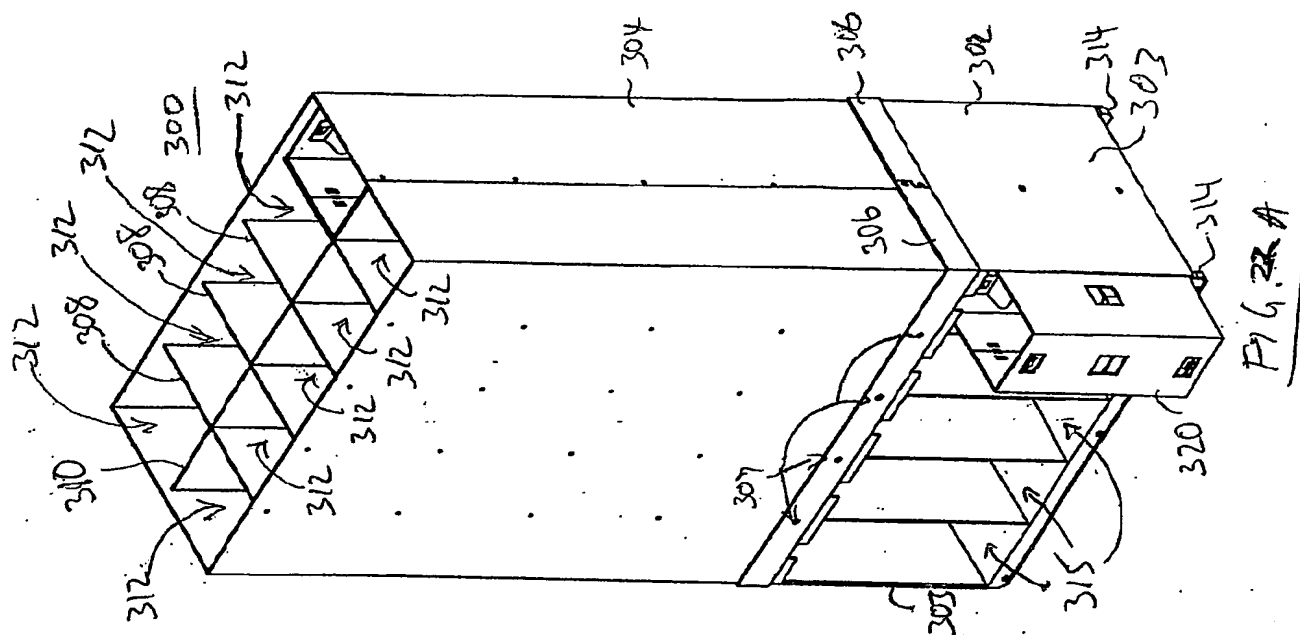


FIG.2|b







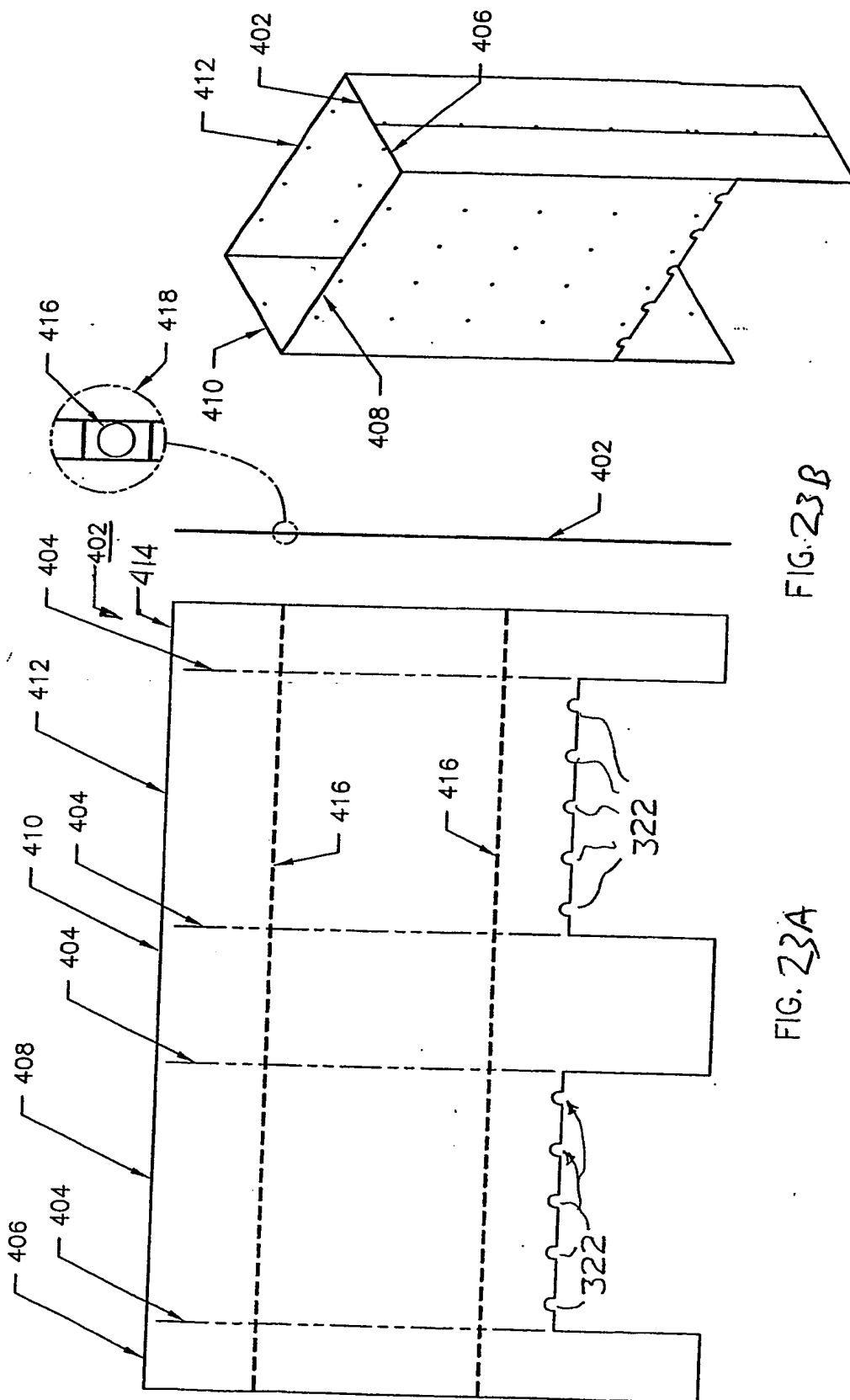


FIG. 23B

FIG. 23A

FIG. 23C

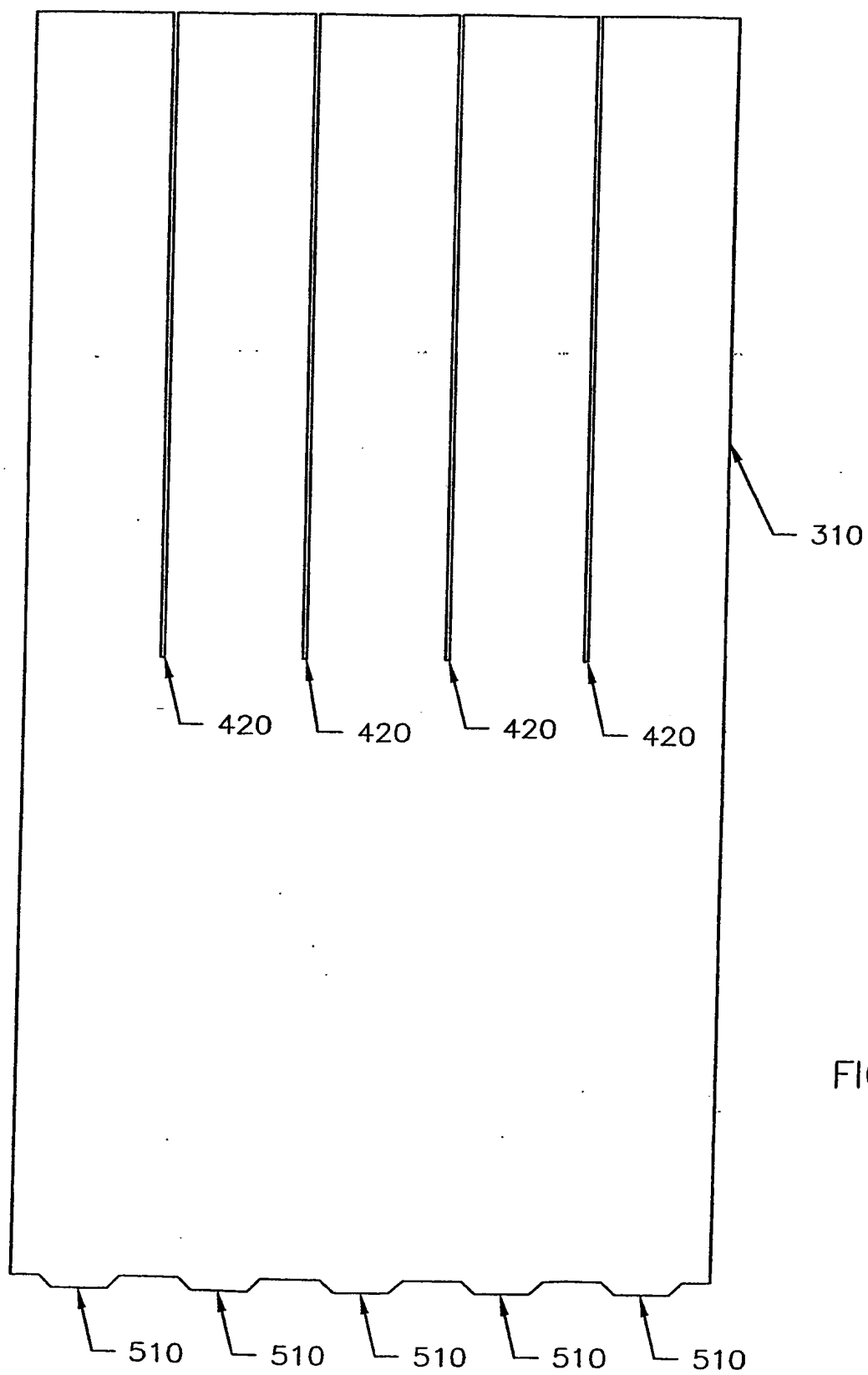


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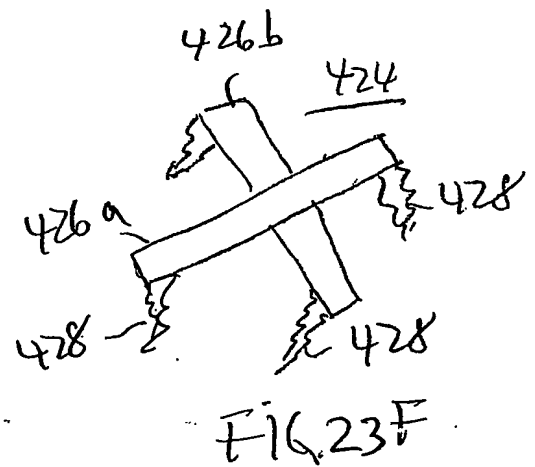
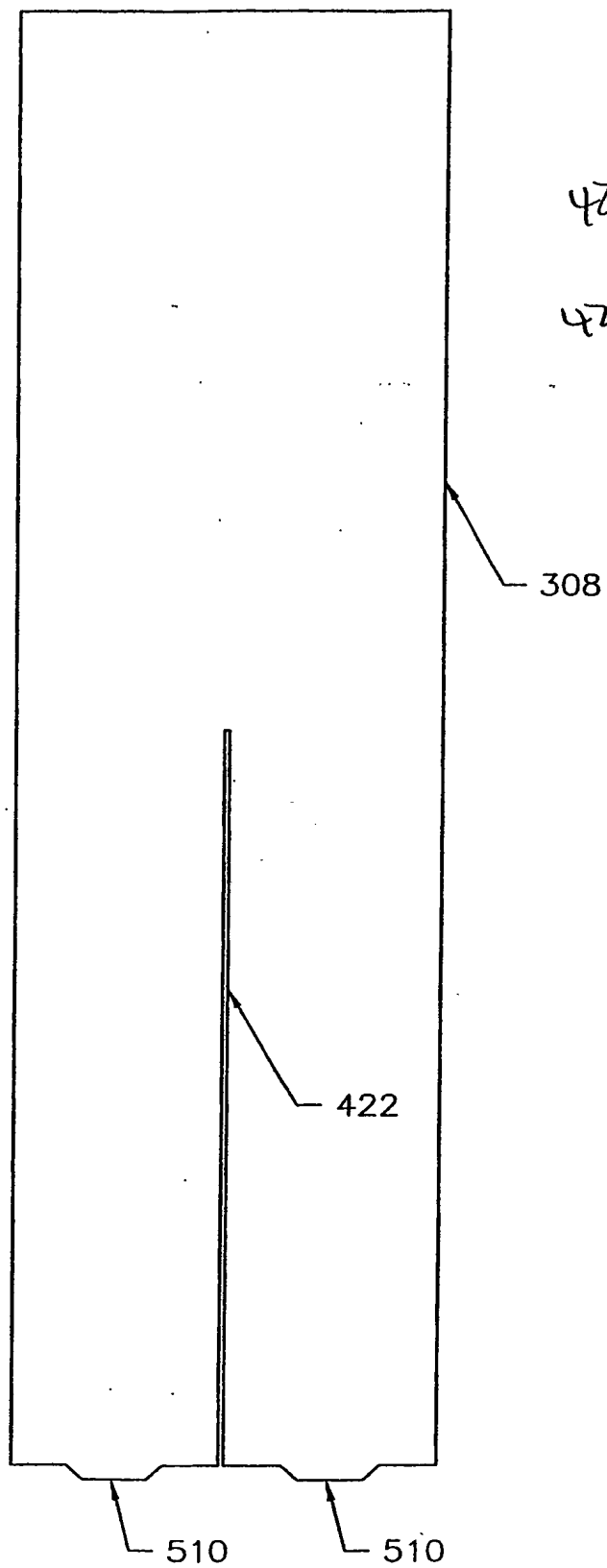


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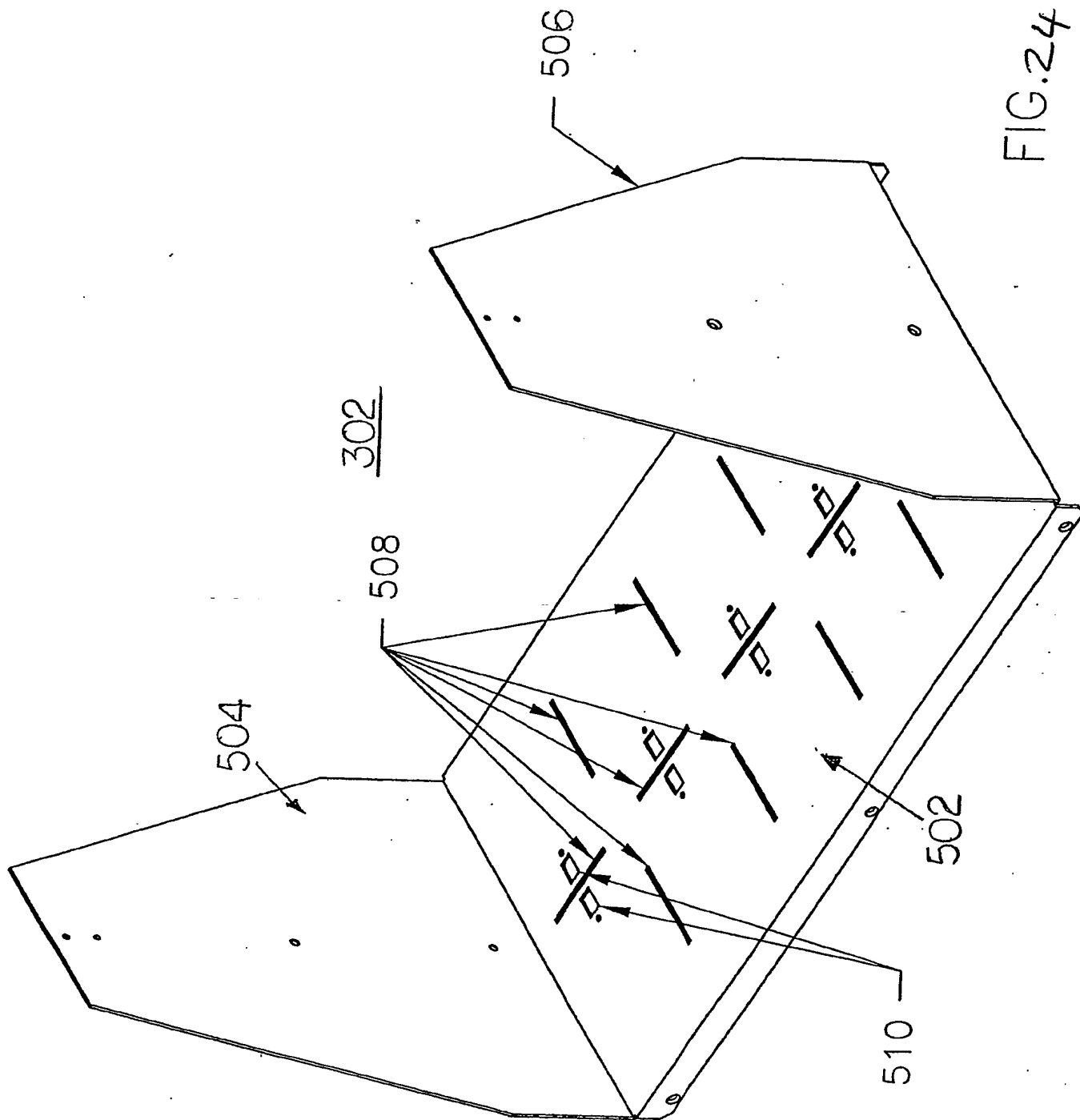


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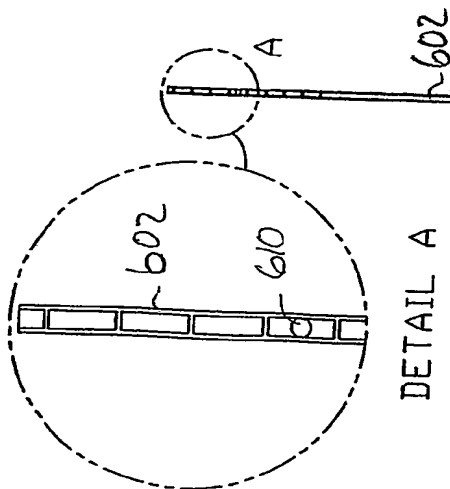
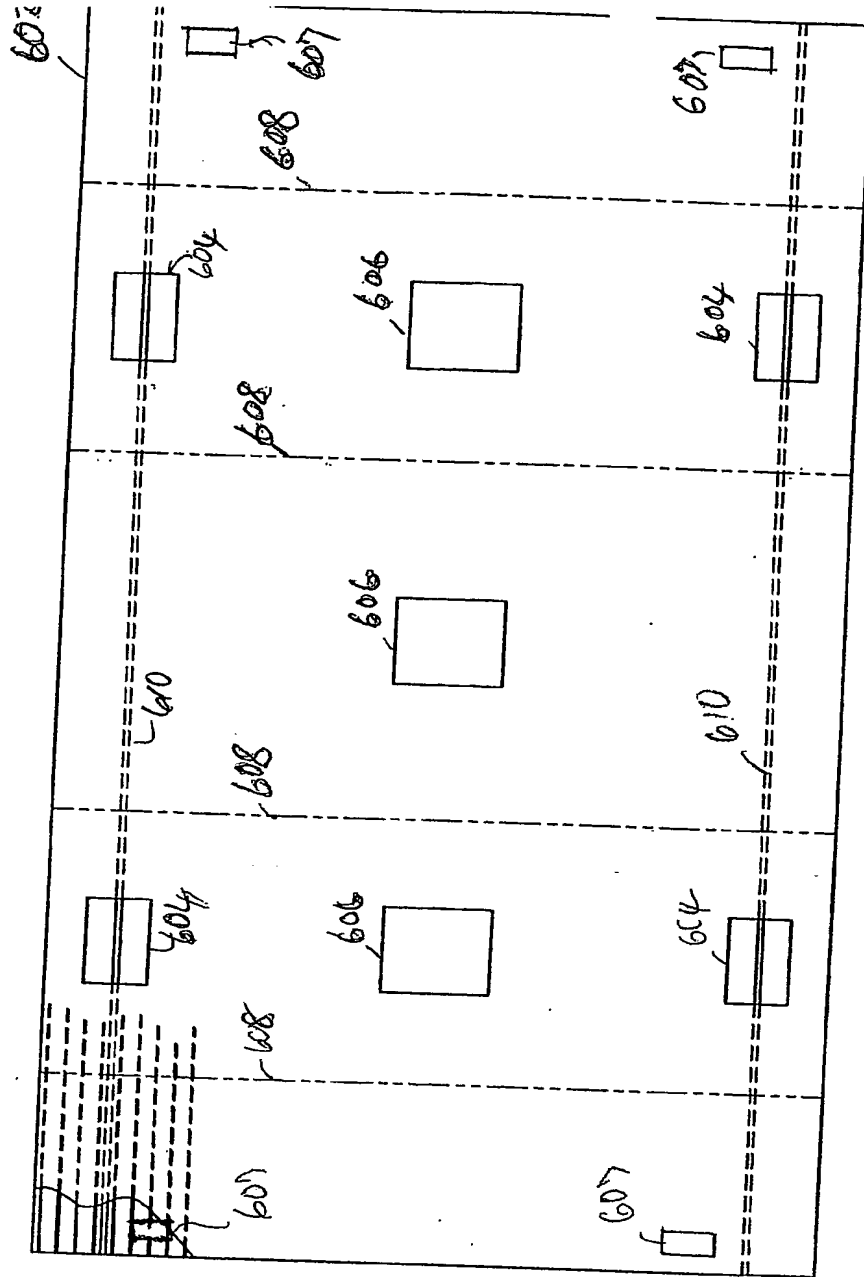
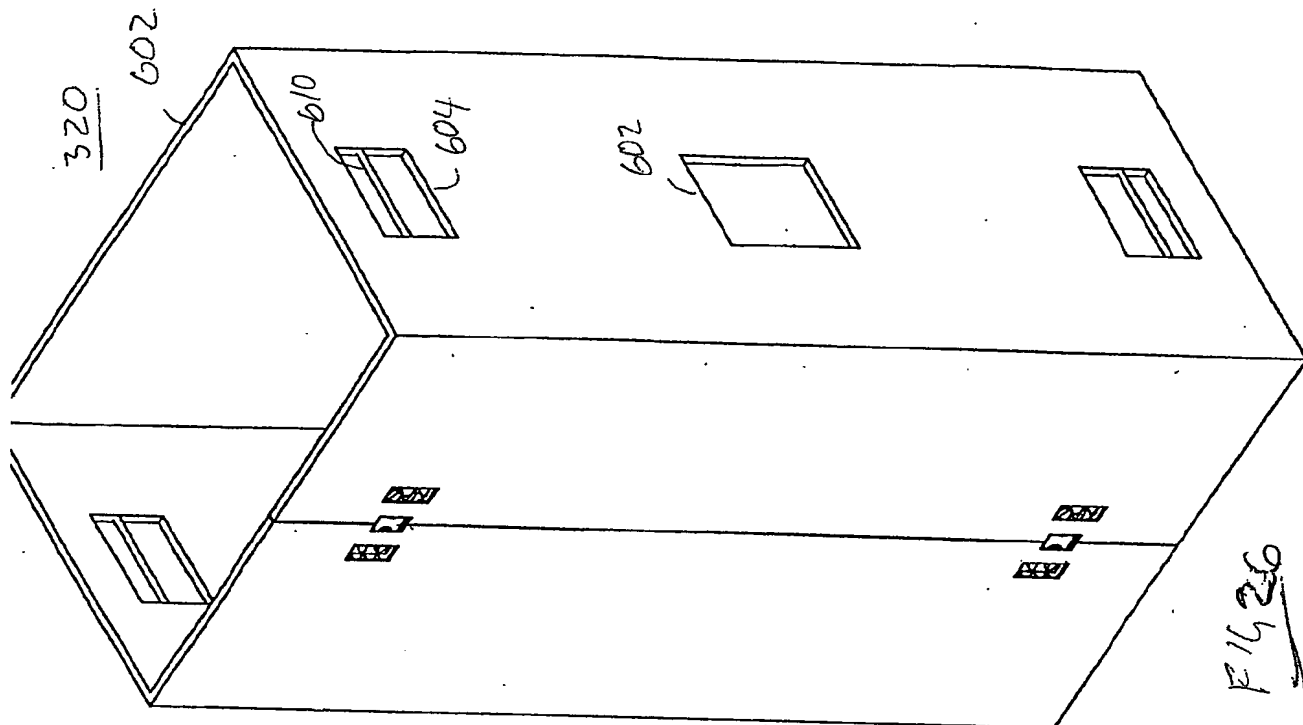
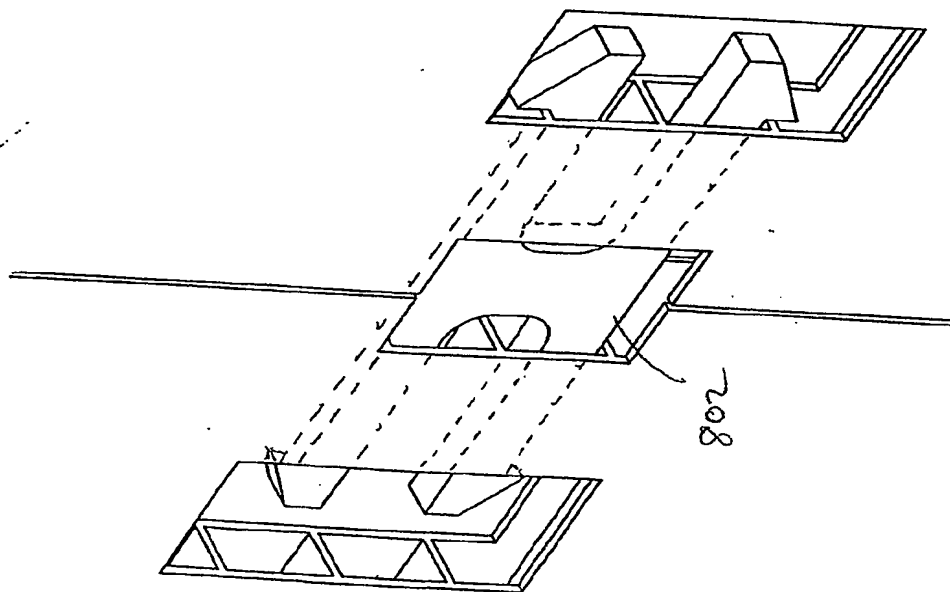


FIG. 25B





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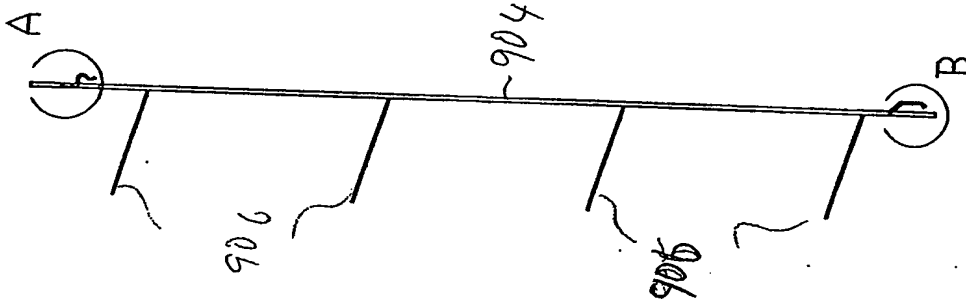
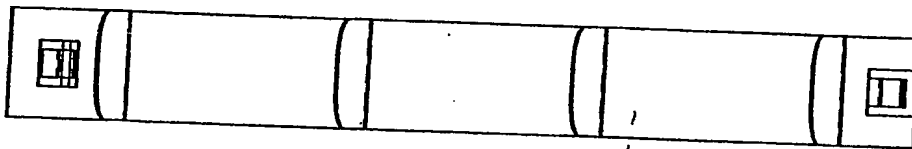
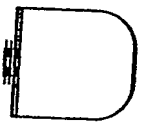
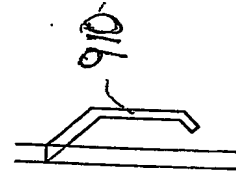


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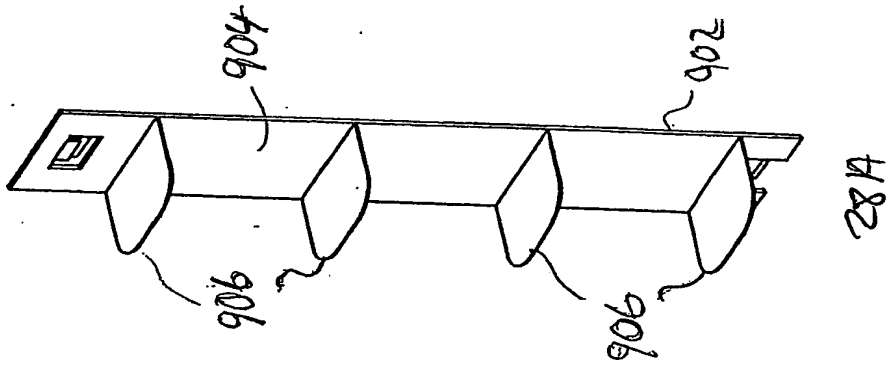
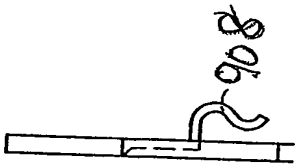
DETAIL B

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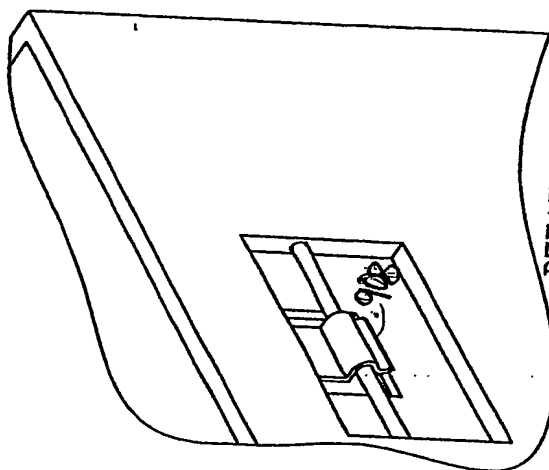
DETAIL A

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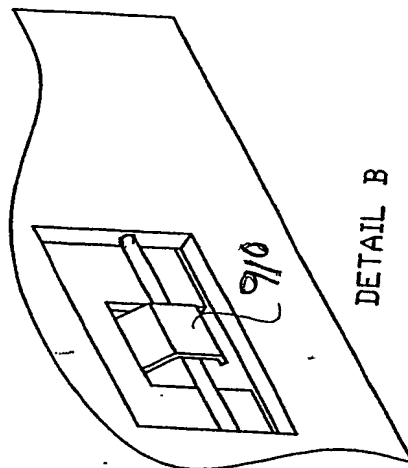


28A





D



29E

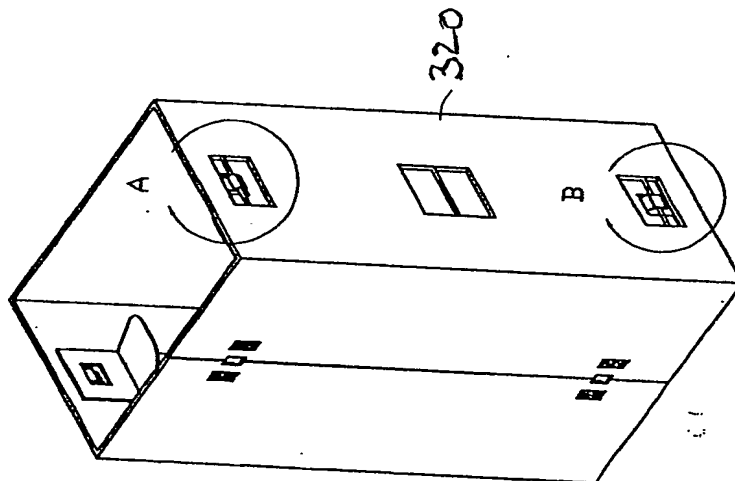
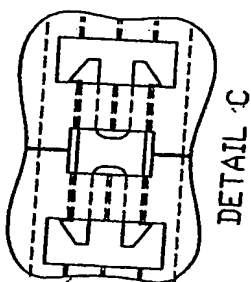
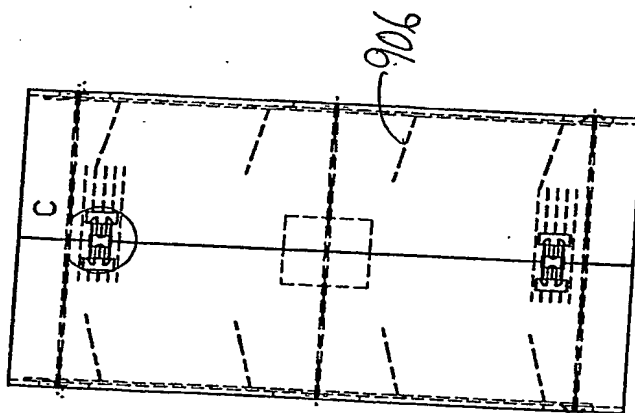
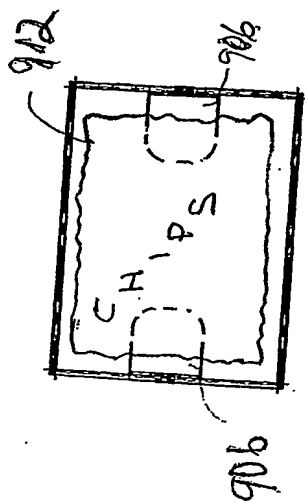


FIG. 29A



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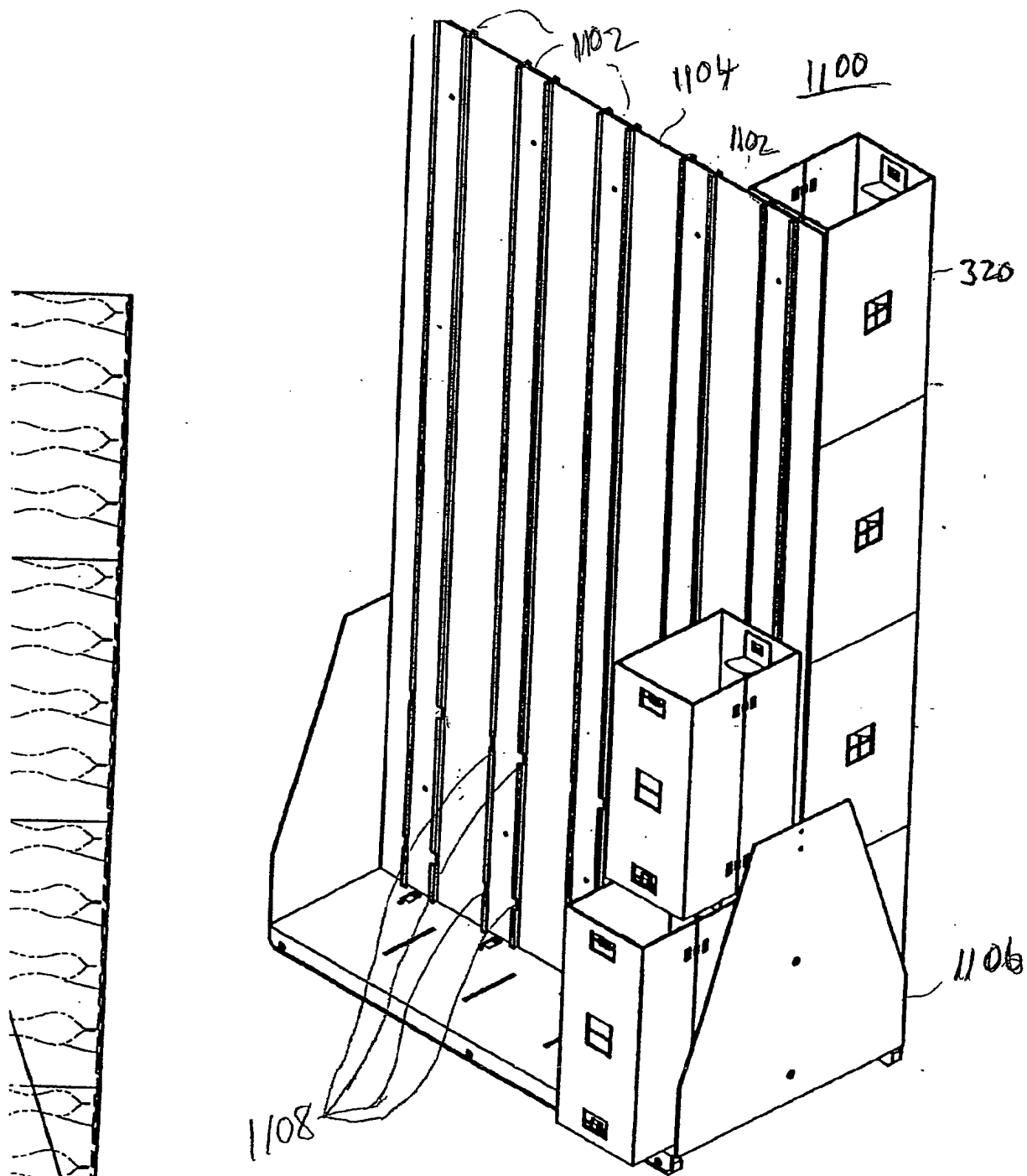


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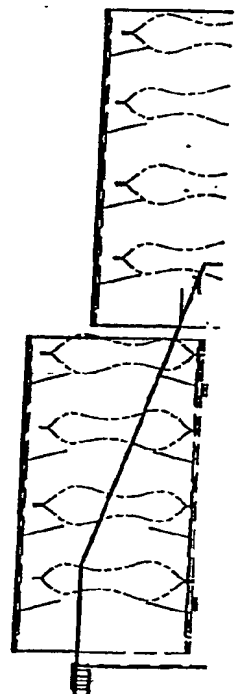
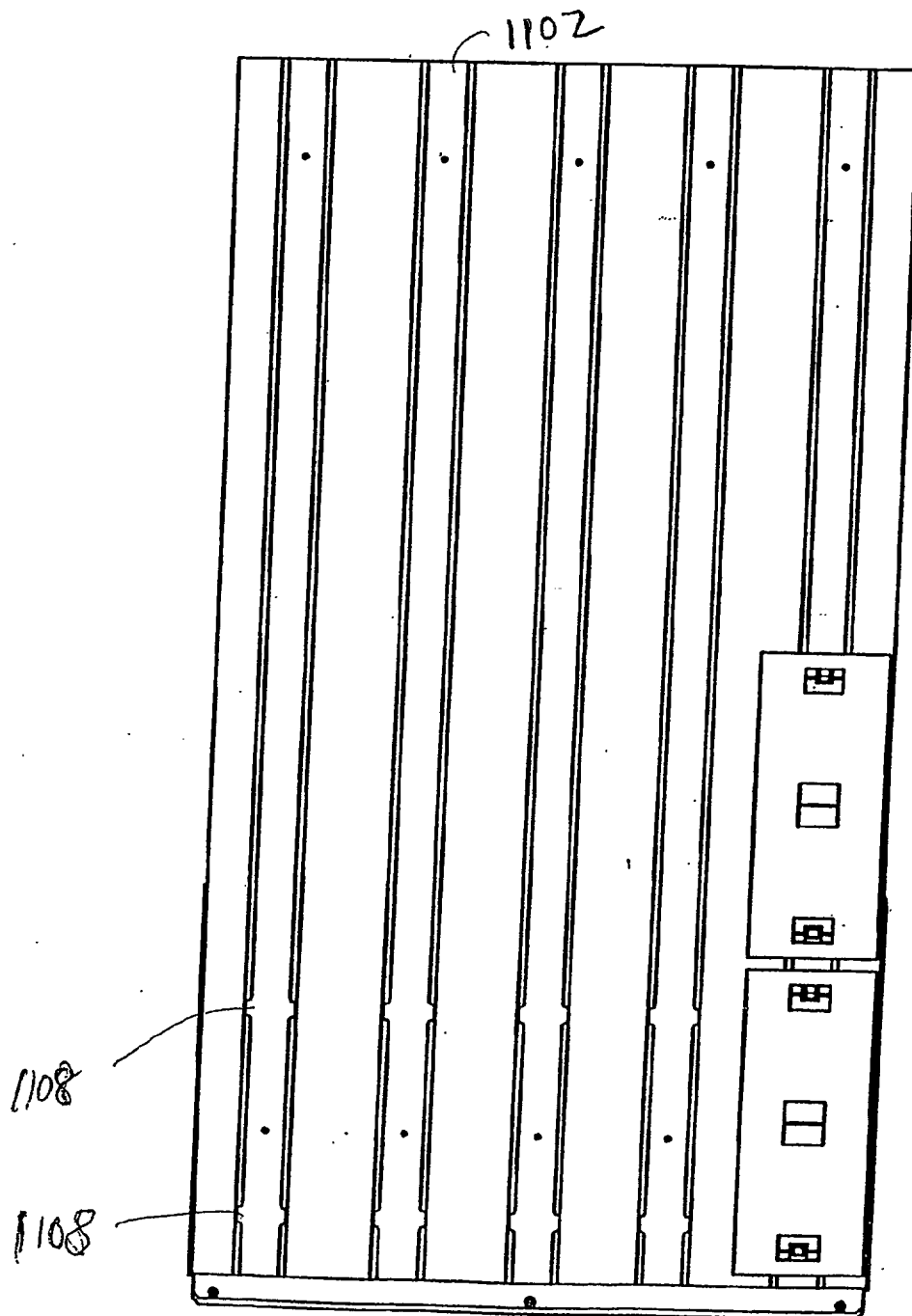
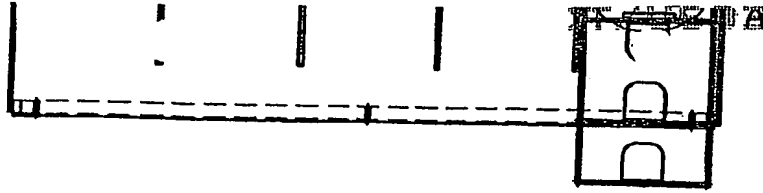
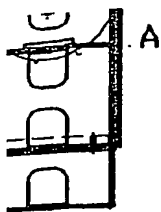


FIG 30B



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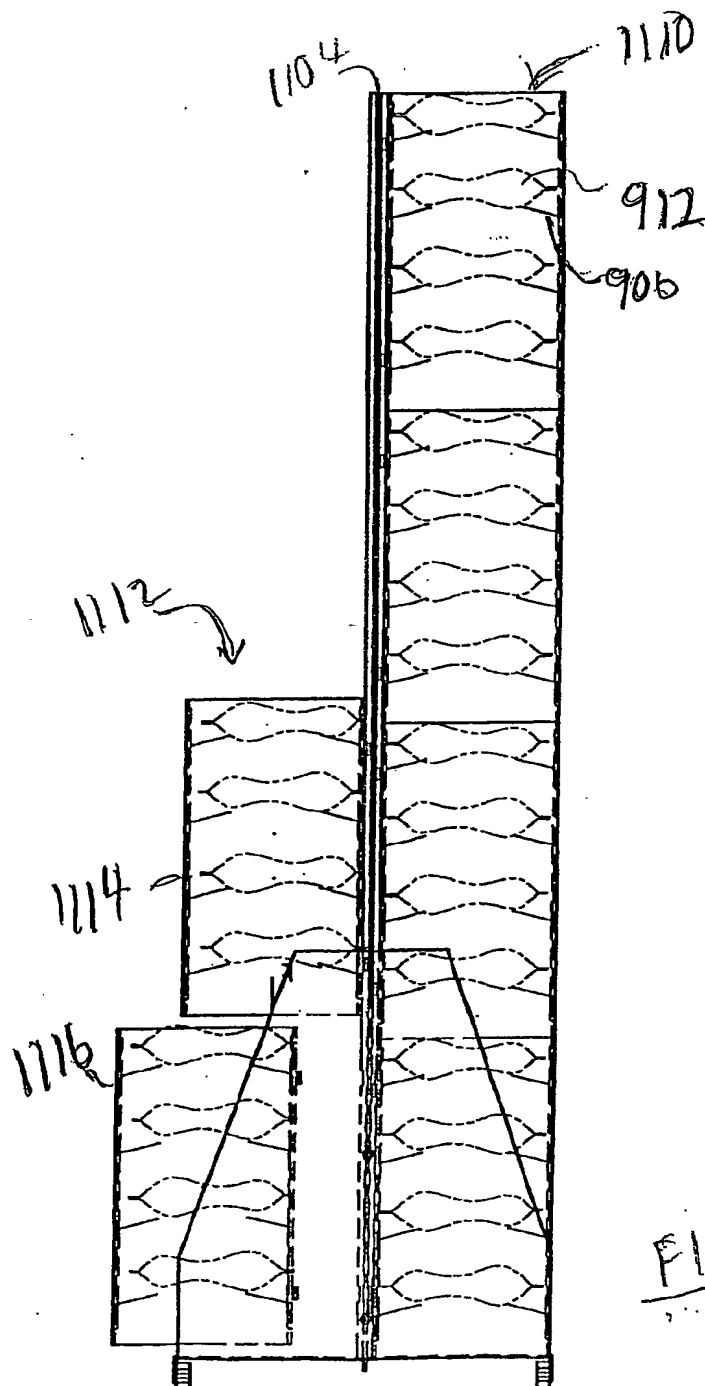
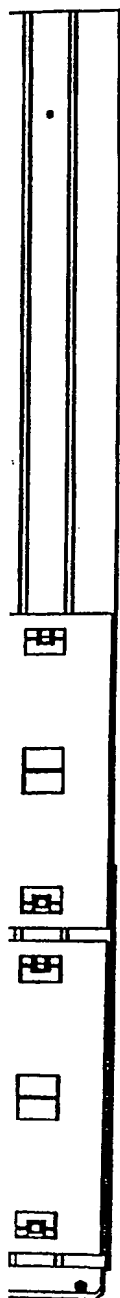


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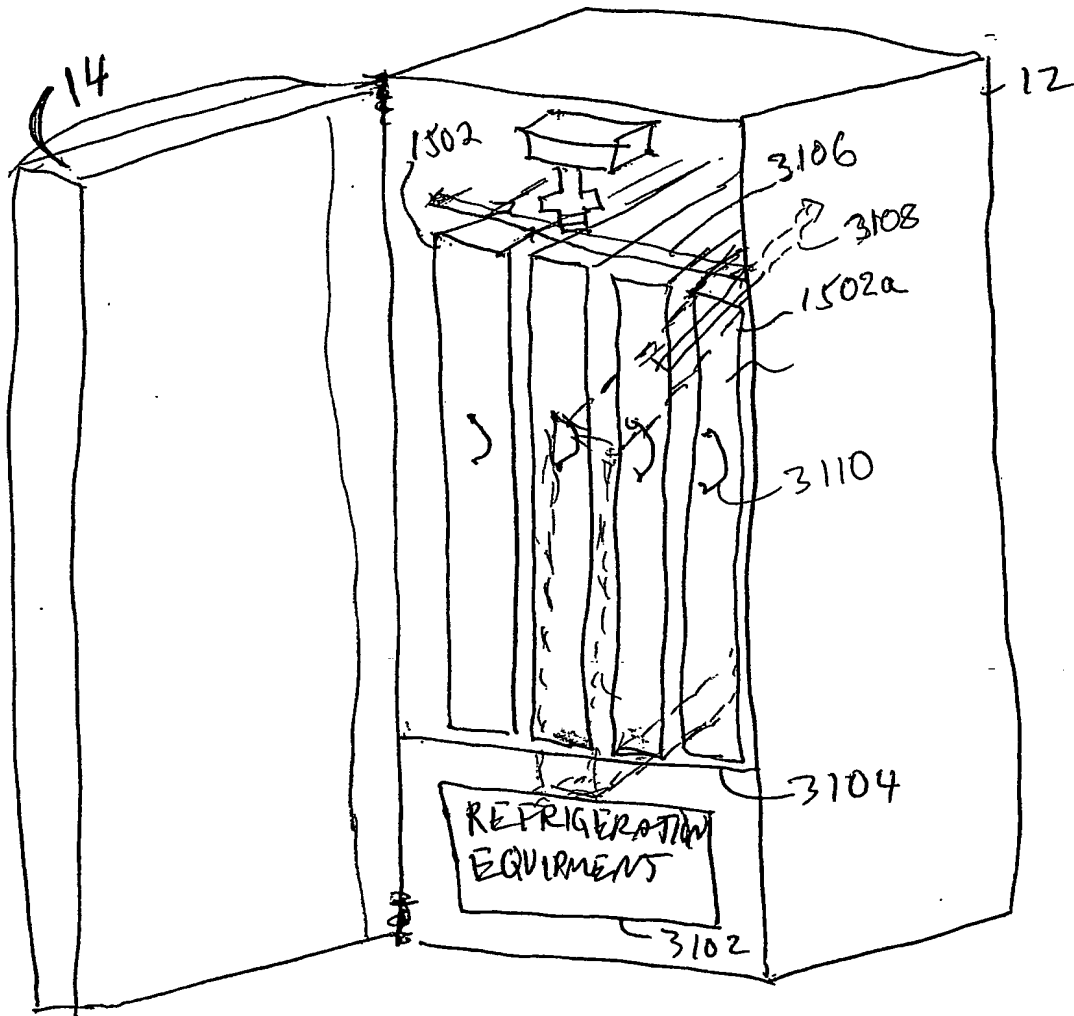


FIG. 31

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